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CDUA: HA 3963 Acceptance Date: December 31, 2024 180-Day Expiration Date: June 29, 2025

W. Roy Hardy, P.E. Senior Project Engineer Akinaka & Associates, LTD 1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1800 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear W. Roy Hardy:

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) HA-3963 (Departmental Permit)

This acknowledges the receipt and acceptance for the processing of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) CDUA for the Waimea Deep Monitor Well project located at Lālāmilo, South Kohala, Hawai'i, TMK: (3) 6-6-002:041. The project lies within the Resource subzone of the State Land Use Conservation District.

The eight-inch diameter well will be drilled to a depth of 275 feet below the ground elevation of 105 feet Mean Sea Level (MSL). The solid steel casing will be approximately 100 feet deep followed by 100 feet of steel perforated casing into the saturated groundwater portion of the borehole followed by 75 feet of uncased open hole. The well will be finished within 5'x'5'x eight inch thick well pad that will be enclosed within a 10'10'x6' security fenced area. A 7,500 square foot staging and storage will be used during construction.

After reviewing the application, the Department find that:

- 1. The project is an identified land use pursuant to Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-5-22. P-1 DATA COLLECTION (C-1) Basic data collection, research, education, and research evaluation that involves a land use causing ground disturbance from installation of equipment (e.g., meteorological towers, radio towers, or test wells);
- 2. Pursuant to §13-5-40 of the HAR, a Public Hearing will not be required;
- 3. In conformance with Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS), Chapter 343, as amended, Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 11-200.1 and the Department of Land

and Natural Resources Exemption List, the proposed project falls under **General Exemption Type 5 Part 2 No. 1.** Construction of test wells with casing diameter of not more than 12 inches to provide ground truth for water resources investigations, the suggested size will enable the aquifer to be tested for its physical, chemical, biological qualities, as well as providing a pumping test to determine the specific capacity of the aquifer. Test wells shall not be developed to serve water unless an EIS or negative declaration is prepared. An Environmental Assessment will not be required; and

4. Per consultation with the Hawai'i County Planning Department, the proposed project is covered under Special Management Area (SMA) Use Permit Number 50.

Upon completion of the application review process, this CDUA will be presented to the Chair for consideration. Should you have any questions, contact Alyssa Accardo of our Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands at (808) 587-0048 or at <u>alyssa.m.accardo@hawaii.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Dawn N.S. Chang, Chairperson Board of Land and Natural Resources

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