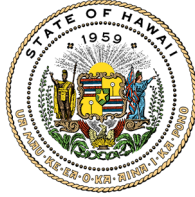


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CDUA: OA-3992

Submission Date: December 15, 2025
145-Day Expiration Date: May 09, 2026

Tanya Copeland, Principal
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980 9th Street, Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95814

December 26, 2025

Dear Tanya Copeland:

**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION
Conservation District Use Application (CDUA) OA-3992
(Board Permit)**

This acknowledges the receipt and acceptance for the processing of Humuhumu Services, LLC and Starfish Infrastructure, Inc. O'ahu Subsea Cable Project located at Honouliuli, 'Ewa, O'ahu. The project is proposed upon submerged land that lies within the Resource subzone of the Conservation District makai of Tax Map Key: (1) 9-1-026:027 noted as Barbers Point Beach Park.

According to the application, the project involves the installation of six subsurface landing pipes utilizing Horizontal Directionally Drilling (HDD) initiating mauka of the shoreline with punchout points upon submerged land. In addition, the placement of three subsea cables extending from three punchout points to beyond the State marine waters limits are also proposed.

The landing pipes would be 7 inches in diameter and would extend approximately 4,300 to 5,400 feet from the shoreline and punchout in waters of about 49-71 feet in depth. The three subsea cables would be installed using a special purpose cable laying ship that will lay the cables on the seafloor without trenching or burying from the punchout points to beyond the State's jurisdiction.

The purpose of the project is to provide connectivity between Hawaii, the continental United States, other Pacific Islands, Australia and Japan and to support the Hawai'i Broadband Initiative.

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 Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §13-5-22, P-6 PUBLIC PURPOSE USES 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. Please be advised, however, that this finding does not constitute approval of the proposal;
2. Pursuant to HAR §13-5-40(a), a Public Hearing shall be required;
3. In conformance with the 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 Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands. The FONSI was published in the October 8, 2025, issue of the Environmental Notice; and
4. The Conservation District portion of this project does not lie within the Special Management Area.

Pursuant to HRS §27-45 this is a broadband-related permit application as it involves the development of infrastructure relating to broadband service or technology. Upon completion of the application review process, this CDUA will be placed on the agenda of the Board of Land and Natural Resources for their consideration. Should you have any questions regarding this application, please contact Tiger Mills of our Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands at (808) 587-0382 or at kimberly.mills@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,



Dawn N.S. Chang, Chairperson
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