Set Aside to County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation for Public Park and Ancillary Purposes, Waikapu, Wailuku, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-8-007:104.

APPLICANT:

County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Section 171-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands situated at Waikapu, Wailuku, Maui, identified by Tax Map Key: (2) 3-8-007:104, as shown on the attached map labeled Exhibit A.

AREA:

65.378 acres, more or less.

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Urban
County of Maui CZO: Agricultural

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Acquired after statehood.

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: NO
CURRENT USE STATUS:

Vacant and unencumbered.

PURPOSE:

Public park and ancillary purposes.

EXHIBITS:

Central Maui Regional Park Site Plan.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

The Final Environmental Assessment for the Central Maui Regional Park was published in the OEQC’s Environmental Notice on June 23, 2013, with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The action before the Board today is merely a transfer of management jurisdiction and does not constitute a use of State lands or funds, and therefore, this action is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 343, HRS, relating to environmental impact statements. Inasmuch as the Chapter 343 environmental requirements apply to Applicant’s use of the lands, the Applicant shall be responsible for compliance with Chapter 343, HRS, as amended.

REMARKS:

At its meeting of December 9, 2011, under agenda item E-3, the Land Board approved in concept the acquisition of private lands at Waikapu, Wailuku, Maui, for the purposes of creating the Central Maui Regional Sports Complex (“CMRSC”). The Department’s Division of State Parks (“State Parks”) conducted all due diligence for the acquisition.

At the March 28, 2014 Land Board meeting, under agenda item E-3, State Parks reported the results of their due diligence and the Land Board approved the acquisition of private lands for park purposes. In the report to the Land Board, State Parks also indicated the most appropriate jurisdiction for maintenance and management of CMRSC is at the County level. Notwithstanding the above, discussions with the County of Maui were ongoing at the time, so State Parks indicated a recommendation on a set aside for the CMRSC would be presented to the Land Board once that determination was made and after the State acquired the CMRSC land.

At its meeting of June 13, 2014, under agenda item E-1, State Parks recommended and the Land Board authorized the acquisition of the subject property subject to the terms and conditions of a Warranty Deed with Reservations of Easements, Covenants, Reservations and Restrictions, a copy of which was attached. Pursuant to the Land Board’s approval, the
65.378 acres of land situate at Waikapu, Wailuku, Maui, further identified by TMK as (2) 3-8-007:104 (hereinafter the “Subject Property”) was acquired and is now unencumbered public land.

On August 22, 2014, under agenda item D-19, the Land Board approved the issuance of a construction and management right-of-entry permit to the Division of State Parks for the subject 65.378 acre parcel. The Department of Land & Natural Resources, Engineering Division will continue to oversee all three phases of the park’s construction and planned development.

As previously approved, staff is now requesting that the Land Board authorize the set aside of the subject property to the County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation for Public Park and Ancillary purposes. All agencies are in agreement that the County of Maui’s Department of Parks and Recreation is better suited to manage and care for the CRMSC as they have the staffing and experience necessary to successfully operate this type of facility and properly address the needs of Maui’s growing community.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Board:

1. Approve of and recommend to the Governor the issuance of an executive order setting aside the subject lands to the County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and subject further to the following:

   A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current executive order form, as may be amended from time to time;

   B. Disapproval by the Legislature by two-thirds vote of either the House of Representatives or the Senate or by a majority vote by both in any regular or special session next following the date of the setting aside;

   C. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General; and

   D. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Ornellas,
District Land Agent
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION
regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR

Project Title: Set Aside to County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation for Public Park and Ancillary Purposes.

Project / Reference No.: 16MD-011

Project Location: Waikapu, Wailuku, Maui, Tax Map Key: (2) 3-8-007:104.

Project Description: Central Maui Regional Sports Complex, public park and ancillary purposes.

Chap. 343 Trigger(s): Use of State Land

Exemption Class No. and Description: The Final Environmental Assessment for the Central Maui Regional Park was published in the OEQC’s Environmental Notice on June 23, 2013, with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The action before the Board today is merely a transfer of management jurisdiction and does not constitute a use of State lands or funds, and therefore, this action is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 343, HRS, relating to environmental impact statements. Inasmuch as the Chapter 343 environmental requirements apply to Applicant’s use of the lands, the Applicant shall be responsible for compliance with Chapter 343, HRS, as amended.

In accordance with the Department of Land and Natural Resources Environmental Impact Statement Exemption List, approved by the Environmental Council and dated June 5, 2015, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, that states "Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographical features,
involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing." Condition No. 43, Transfer of management authority over state-owned land, such as setting aside of state lands to or from other government agencies through a Governor's executive order."

Consulted Agency: The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks and the County of Maui, Department of Parks and Recreation have been consulted regarding this request being brought before the Board for approval.

Recommendation: That the Board find this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson

6/24/10
Date
Central Maui Regional Park ± 85.0 AC.

Phase 1
- High School-Major League Field (400' to C.F.)
- Softball Field (300' to C.F.)

Phase 2
- Soccer Fields (80 yds x 100 yds)
- Bronco League (250' to C.F. 11-12 yrs)