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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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ISSUANCE OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT TO COUNTY OF KAUA'I FOR HYDROLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS ON ENCUMBERED GOVERNMENT LANDS AT PORT ALLEN AIRPORT TAX MAP KEYS: (4) 1-8-008: PORTION OF 004 and (4) 1-8-008:076 KAUA'I

APPLICANT:

COUNTY OF KAUA'I, a political subdivision of the State of Hawai'i.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Sections 171-11 and 171-55, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION AND TAX MAP KEY:

Portion of Port Allen Airport, Hanapēpē, Island of Kaua'i, identified by Tax Map Key: 4th Division, 1-8-008: Portion of 004 and 076, see attached Exhibit A.

AREAS:

30.00 acres, more or less, with areas as shown and delineated on the attached Exhibit B, dated October 2017.

ZONING:

State Land Use:

Urban

County:

Open

LAND TITLE STATUS:

Section 5(a), Hawai'i Admissions Act: Ceded

DHHL, 30% entitlement lands Yes____ No_X

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CURRENT USE STATUS:

Encumbered under Governor's Executive Order No. 931 issued in 1941 to the Superintendent of Public Works for public purposes as Port Allen Airport. Under the Government Reorganization Act of 1959, the Department of Public Works was transferred to the Department of Transportation.

CHARACTER OF USE:

Hydrological investigation for the Lo'i Pa'akai of 'Ukula at Hanapēpē (Salt Pond).

TERM OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY:

Two (2) years from date of execution.

CONSIDERATION:

Gratis.

CHAPTER 343, HRS – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

Applicant, its consultants, contractors and/or persons acting for or on its behalf shall comply with all applicable federal, state and county environmental impact regulations, including but not limited to Chapters 343 and 6E, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as amended, to the extent required by law.

Pursuant to Section 11-200-8(a), Hawai'i Administrative Rules, and the Comprehensive Exemption List for the State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation (Amended November 15, 2000), the action to conduct the hydrological investigation is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class 5 (basic data collection, research, experimental management, a resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource)."

DCCA VERIFICATION:

As a government entity, applicant is not required to register with DCCA.

REMARKS:

The County of Kaua'i is requesting the issuance of a Right-of-Entry permit for the purpose of conducting hydrological investigations for the Salt Pond. In recent years, Salt Pond has experienced frequent flooding from marine and terrestrial sources, impacting the culturally significant salt making practice. According to pa'akai practitioners and

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observers of the area, the ponds typically flood by rainwater in the winter, and there is a short drier salt making season in the summer. In recent years, however, the summer season is cut short due to marine wave overtopping, subsurface marine flooding of the wells, possibly combined with rainwater flooding. The pond drains very slowly after flooding. The scope of work to be performed by the County's hydrological consultant will include evaluating soil properties, characterizing drainage patterns, monitoring water levels and salinity within the Salt Pond area, and conducting observations of wave run-up and marine overtopping. The Right-of-Entry permit will allow the County of Kaua'i to conduct hydrological investigations to better understand the drainage conditions and plan for future mitigation efforts to preserve salt-harvesting practices at the Salt Pond area.

REOMMENDATION: That the Board

- 1. Authorize the issuance of a right-of-entry permit to the County of Kaua'i covering the subject area under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
 - A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current right-of-entry permit form, as may be amended from time to time;
 - B. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General;
 - C. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson or the Director of Transportation to best serve the interests of the State; and
 - D. Authorize the Chairperson or the Director of Transportation to issue extensions to this right-of-entry to the Applicant for good cause as related to the aforementioned activities.

Respectfully submitted,

FORD N. FUCHIGAMI Director of Transportation

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson and Member

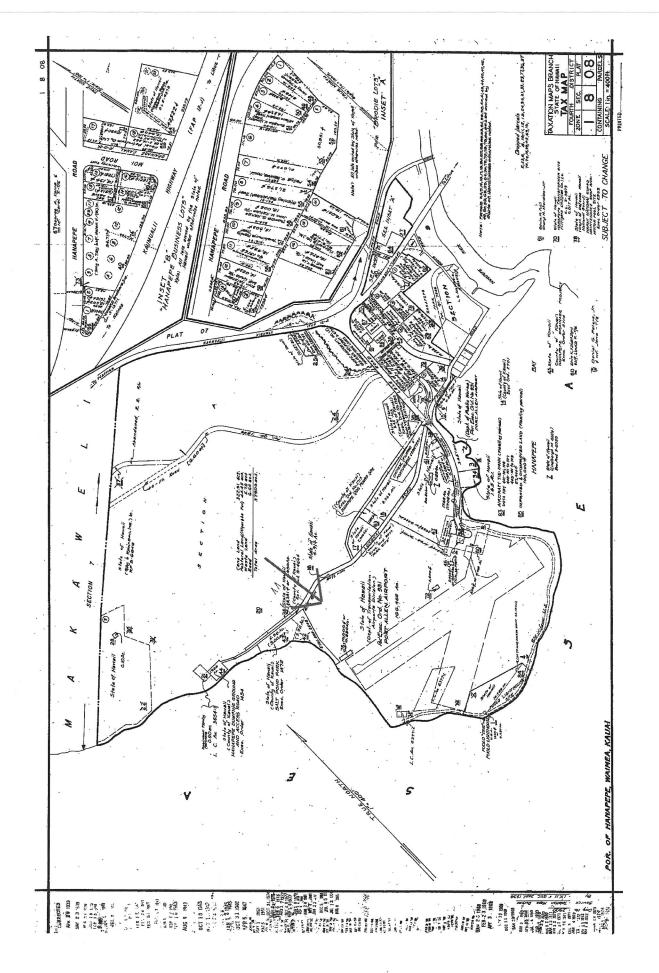




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