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DECLARATION OF EXEMPTION
Regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment under the authority of
Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200-8, HAR

Project Title:	Kaalaea Koa Farm Forest Stewardship Management Plan and Forest Stewardship Agreement with Stephanie and Steven Loui
Project Number:	N/A
Project Location:	Tax Map Key Numbers (1) 4-7-007:009; Koolaupoko District, Honolulu County, Hawaii
Chapter 343 Trigger(s):	Use of State Funds
Project Description:	Forest Stewardship Agreement and associated management plan for the native forest restoration at Kaalaea Koa Farm. The project proposes to actively manage and restore approximately 12.5-acres characterized as having an invaded mixed mesic forest. The native vegetation has been degraded by agricultural activities, grazing, and invasive species. The primary objectives are to protect watershed values, promote the recovery of native plants, animals, and natural communities, and establish a mixed agroforestry system. Over the course of the 10-year management plan, Kaalaea Koa Farm intends to promote the recovery and protection of the native forest in the project area by reforesting 7.0 acres in conjunction with a 5.5-acre agroforestry system. Proposed management activities include installation of an ungulate proof fence along the unmanaged perimeter of the property. Fencing is a requirement for the Hawai'i Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program project that will cover certain practices. Sites will be prepared for planting primarily through manual and mechanical weed control methods. Invasive plants that cannot be removed through those means will be treated chemically as appropriate. Regionally appropriate keystone species such as 'ōhiā, koa, and hala will be planted along with shrub and groundcover species. Windbreaks will be established using a variety of species to protect the multi-story agroforestry system. Native species will be seed banked to ensure future seed stock availability. Ongoing maintenance, such as weed control, will be done on a regular basis after the initial planting and throughout the 10 years of the contract.

Consulted Parties:	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service; U.S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service; Department of Land and Natural Resources Commission on Water Resource Management; County of Hawaii, Department of Planning
Authorization:	Approved by the Environmental Council on June 5, 2015
Exemption Class & Description:	Activities and actions associated with this project fall under the following Exemption Classes and Descriptions which are included in the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. http://oeqc2.doh.hawaii.gov/Agency_Exemption_Lists/State-Department-of-Land-and-Natural-Resources-Exemption-List-2015-06-05.pdf Exemption Class No. 3, Item 1, Fences around or to manage rare, threatened or endangered plants, covered or open areas for endangered species, game birds and mammals, auxiliary buildings for food or equipment storage, incubators and brooders, open-top breeding and release pens, field aviaries, and hacking boxes, and for watershed and native forest management and restoration. Fences shall contain step-overs or other features that permit pedestrian access for cultural and recreational use. Exemption Class No. 4, Item 6, Minor vegetation clearing and management, including mowing, pruning, trimming, and application of federal and state approved herbicides in conformance with label instructions. Exemption Class No. 4, Item 8, Removal of invasive vegetation utilizing cutting, mowing, application of federal and state approved herbicides in conformance with label instructions, distribution of biocontrol agents approved by the State of Hawaii, and other approved methods. Exemption Class No. 4, Item 12, Establish temporary or permanent vegetative cover including trees, shrubs, grasses, and sod for landscaping, reforestation, soil stabilization, watershed protection, native wildlife habitat, native ecosystem restoration, and rare plant preservation; provided, however, that this exemption shall not apply to vegetation that is likely to be invasive or for tree plantings for which harvesting is planned or is reasonably foreseeable. Exemption Class No. 4, Item 13, Gathering plant seed, cuttings, or other vegetative matter for propagation. Exemption Class No. 4, Item 16, Control of pests utilizing federal and state approved pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, and toxicants in

	conformance with label instructions; traps, snares, lures, and repellents; distribution of biocontrol agents approved by the state of Hawaii; and other approved methods. Exemption Class No. 4, Item 22, Natural resource management actions that the Department declares are designed specifically to monitor, conserve, or enhance the status of native species or native species' habitats, such as removal of introduced vegetation, reintroduction of native species into their historic range, or construction of fencing. This exemption would not apply to biocontrol of invasive species or commercial logging.
Determination:	The Board of Land and Natural Resources declares that this project will likely have minimal or no significant impact on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment under the above exemption classes.

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Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson Date
Board of Land and Natural Resources