Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

February 8, 2019

PSF No 18OD-007

Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. for Special Event Aerial Fireworks Display at Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon on February 24 and March 28, 2019, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037:021 (Portion).

APPLICANT:

Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Section 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands situated at Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, identified by Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037:portion of 021, as shown on the map attached as Exhibit A-1 and A-2.

AREA:

500 square feet, more or less – Staging area, and a safety zone with a radius of approximately 250 feet around the firing site.

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Conservation
City and County of Honolulu LUO: Public Precinct

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(a) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act
DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: No

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Requested area is vacant and unencumbered.
CHARACTER OF USE:

Set up and conducting aerial fireworks display.

TERM:

Between 2:00 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. on February 24 and March 28, 2019.

RENTAL:

One-time payment of $1,100. See Remarks Section for breakdown of costs.

COLLATERAL SECURITY DEPOSIT:

None.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule (HAR) Section 11-200-8 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources concurred with 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, Item 51. See Exhibit B.

DCCA VERIFICATION:

| Place of business registration confirmed: | YES X | NO _ |
| Registered business name confirmed:       | YES X | NO _ |
| Applicant in good standing confirmed:     | YES X | NO _ |

REMARKS:

Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. (HE) is requesting the issuance of a right-of-entry permit for the set-up and firing of fireworks display at Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon on February 24 and March 28, 2019 for Special Event Fireworks Display events. The public is able to view the special event shows, provided they remain outside of the safety zone during the event.

The set-up and firing of the aerial fireworks display for the event will include the staging area, consisting of 500 square feet, and the preparation and firing of the aerial fireworks display from 2:00 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. on February 24 and March 28, 2019, at Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon as shown on the attached map (see Exhibit A-1 and A-2). According to HE, the approximate firing times are set to begin at 8:30 p.m. for the February 24 show and 8:45 p.m. for the March 28 show.

Staff is recommending that a charge of $500 be imposed to cover the exclusive use of the safety zone as shown on Exhibit A-1 and A-2. The total cost for this right-of-entry, which includes the staging area of $50 for both nights will be $1,100.
Applicant has not had a lease, permit, easement or other disposition of State lands terminated within the past five years due to non-compliance with such terms and conditions. OCCL has no comments on the subject request. There are no pertinent issues or concerns. Staff does not have any objection to this request.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

2. Authorize the issuance of a right-of-entry permit to Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. covering the subject area for aerial fireworks display purposes 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; and

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cal Miyahara
Shoreline Disposition Specialist

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson
Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon
Hilton Hawaiian Village

February 24, 2019 fireworks display
Exhibit A-1
March 28, 2019 fireworks display

Exhibit A-2
EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION
Regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR

Project Title: Fireworks Display at Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon on February 24 and March 28, 2019

Project / Reference No.: PSF 18OD-007

Project Location: Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, TMK:(1) 2-3-037: portion of: 021.

Project Description: Aerial Fireworks Display at Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon

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

Exemption Class No.: In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rule Section 11-200-8 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources concurred with 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, Item 51, which states the “Permits, licenses, registrations, and rights-of-entry issued by the Department that are routine in nature, involving negligible impacts beyond that previously existing”.

Cumulative Impact of Planned Successive Actions in Same Place Significant?: No, similar events occur at the same location from time to time, but not on a routine or regular basis (e.g., daily or weekly). However, the based on the multiple environmental clean-ups conducted after each display, to remove debris from the lagoon area, staff believes that there would be no significant cumulative impact.

Action May Have Significant Impact on Particularly Sensitive Environment?: The requested area is a portion of State beach visited by tourists and residents, and is heavily impacted by human activity. Public access across the requested area is maintained by the Hilton Hawaiian Village staff. In addition, based on the analysis below, staff believes there would be no significant impact to sensitive environmental or ecological receptors.

Exhibit B
Consulted Parties: Consulted with Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands who has no objections to the subject request and concurs with the exemption for an environmental assessment.

Analysis: The Board has permitted similar events in the past. The proposed activity is of a similar type and scope of beach activities that periodically occurred and continues to occur on this and other beach areas across the State. Such activities have resulted in no known significant impacts, whether immediate or cumulative, to the natural, environmental and/or cultural resources in the area. Staff also believes that the request would involve negligible or no expansion or change in use of the subject area beyond that previously existing.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board find that 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.