

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

March 11, 2022

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

Land Board Members:

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRPERSON TO NEGOTIATE, ENTER, AMEND, EXTEND, AND TERMINATE AN AGREEMENT TO SUBGRANT BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE, AND THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, TO ACQUIRE LANDS IN MAKOLELAU, KONA DISTRICT, MOLOKAI, TMKs (2) 5-5-001:013; (2) 5-5-001:015; (2) 5-5-001:036; (2) 5-5-001:038; (2) 5-5-001:022

BACKGROUND:

The Fish and Wildlife Service (“FWS”) and DLNR have entered into a Federal Recovery Land Acquisition Grant Agreement Number F20AP00349 which provides \$1,800,000 for the acquisition of fee title to real property of 1,045 acres in Mapulehu, Molokai. However, that acquisition was abandoned, and the DLNR is seeking an amendment to the grant agreement to authorize the funding to purchase five parcels in Makolelau instead. Makolelau is also a large mountain-to-sea property on the south slope of Molokai containing many endangered species and is strategically important for regional invasive species control and watershed restoration projects.

Pending FWS approval of the amendment, the proposed agreement will permit DLNR to subgrant the FWS grant funds to another state or local agency or non-profit organization (“potential recipient”), conditioned on the grant funds being used to acquire fee title to the identified real property and the potential recipient agreeing to accept all the provisions and obligations outlined in the grant agreement.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is that intended recipient and has raised the additional \$600,000 in matching funds needed to purchase the fee title to the property.

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DISCUSSION:

The subgrant agreement would allow funds to be transferred to TNC to complete the purchase. It would also require TNC to donate all TMKs except (2) 5-5-001:013 to the State. The State is fundraising to purchase that final parcel from TNC, for a price determined by an appraisal authorized by DLNR.

CHAPTER 343 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In accordance with the requirements of chapter 343, HRS, an environmental assessment is not required as this request does not include approval of an action, pursuant to §§343-2 and 343-5(a).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

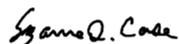
- 1) Authorize the Chairperson to negotiate, enter, amend, extend, and terminate an agreement to subgrant to The Nature Conservancy to acquire lands in Makolelau, Kona District, Molokai, TMKs (2) 5-5-001:013; (2) 5-5-001:015; (2) 5-5-001:036; (2) 5-5-001:038; (2) 5-5-001:022.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID G. SMITH, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson
Board of Land and Natural Resources