

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Land Division
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

ROE 2022

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Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. for Special Event Aerial Fireworks Display at Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon on December 1, 2022, Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 2-3-037: portion of 021.

APPLICANT:

Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc., a Hawaii profit corporation.

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 **Exhibit A**.

AREA:

500 square feet, more or less – Staging area, and a safety zone with a radius of approximately 235 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 Thursday, December 1, 2022.

RENTAL:

One-time payment of \$550. See Remarks Section for breakdown of costs.

COLLATERAL SECURITY DEPOSIT:

None.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR")§ 11-200.1-15 and -16 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources reviewed and concurred on by the Environmental Council on November 10, 2020, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to General Exemption Type 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," Part 1, Item 44, that 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". The subject request will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environmental and should be declared exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment and the requirements of § 11-200.1-17, HAR (**Exhibit B**).

DCCA VERIFICATION:

Place of business registration confirmed:	YES <u>x</u>	NO <u> </u>
Registered business name confirmed:	YES <u>x</u>	NO <u> </u>
Applicant in good standing confirmed:	YES <u>x</u>	NO <u> </u>

REMARKS:

Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. ("HE") is requesting the issuance of a right-of-entry permit for the setup and firing of a fireworks display at Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon on December 1, 2022 for a Red Bull special event being hosted at the adjacent Hilton Hawaiian Village. The public will be able to view the special event show, provided they remain outside of the safety zone during the event.

The setup 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., at Duke Kahanamoku Lagoon as shown on the map

(Exhibit A). According to HE, the approximate firing time is between 8:25 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and the show will last for about four (4) minutes.

Staff is recommending that a charge of \$500 be imposed to cover the exclusive use of the safety zone as shown on Exhibit A. The total cost for this right-of-entry, which includes the staging area of \$50, will be \$550.

At its meeting of May 13, 2022, under agenda item D-4, the Board required HE, at or before the next annual renewal of HE's fireworks right-of-entry permit, to provide to the Board a status report on a sustainability plan that addresses its efforts to reduce waste in the ocean and the Ala Wai area apart from the cleanups it already conducts after firework shows. Though the Board's requirement is not applicable for this single event right-of-entry request, staff reminded HE of the Board's requirement.

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. Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands has no comments on the subject request and the proposed exemption from preparation of an environmental assessment. There are no pertinent issues or concerns.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200.1-15 and -16, 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,

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District Land Agent

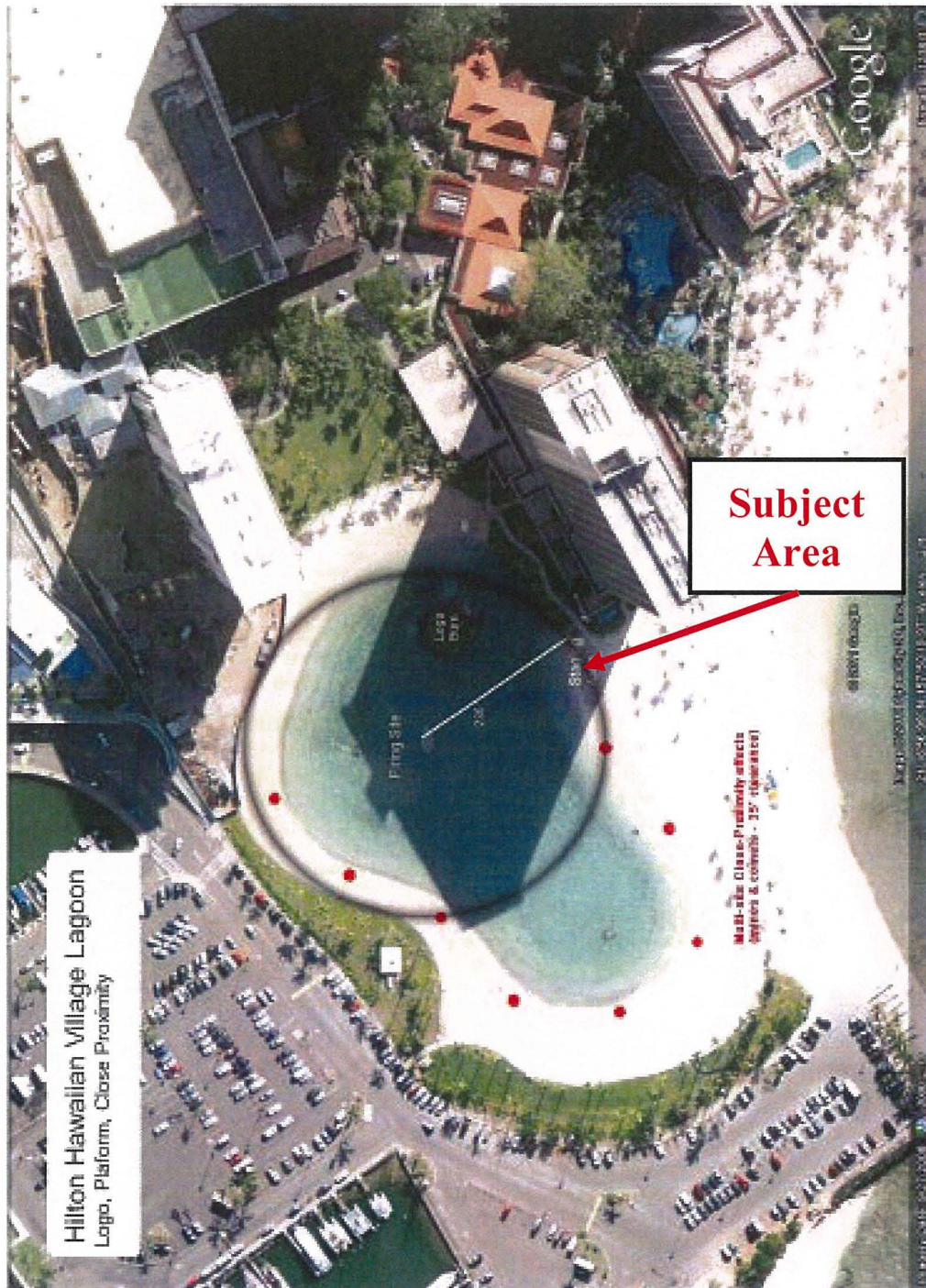
APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

Suzanne D. Case

Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson

for

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Exhibit A

EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

Regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200.1-15, HAR

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Reference No.:	ROE 2022
Project Locations:	Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (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 Rules ("HAR") § 11-200.1-15 and -16 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources reviewed and concurred on by the Environmental Council on November 10, 2020, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to General Exemption Type 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," Part 1, Item 44, that 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". The subject request will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environmental and should be declared exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment and the requirements of§ 11-200.1-17, HAR.
Cumulative Impact of Planned Successive Actions in Same Place Significant?	No, similar events occur at the same location from time to time. However, 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.

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.