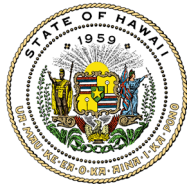


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TESTIMONY FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES ON
JANUARY 26, 2024
AGENDA ITEM NO. D1 - CANCELLATION OF GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1293 TO
STATE OF HAWAII, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD FOR NORTH
KOHALA ARMORY SITE

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA
ADJUTANT GENERAL

JANUARY 25, 2023

Aloha Chairperson Dawn N. S. Chang and fellow board members:

I am Major General Kenneth Hara, Adjutant General, State of Hawai'i, Department of Defense.

The Department of Defense (DEF) provides written testimony in **SUPPORT** of the cancellation of Governor's Executive Order (EO) No. 1293 with comments.

In 1996, DEF submitted a request to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for the cancellation of EO No. 1293. It is DEF's understanding that all necessary requirements to cancel EO No. 1293 were completed including turning over the keys to personnel from the Hawaii District Land Office. A copy of the letter is attached (Exhibit A). A Final Closure Report was submitted to DLNR indicating no evidence of significant environmental hazards or contamination at the site requiring further action. A copy of the report can be provided upon request.

Unfortunately, the cancellation of EO No. 1293 was never processed completely and DEF was not aware that the property was still set aside to the department until receiving a public request to use the property in January 2022. Subsequently, DEF visited the site on April 14, 2022, and it is evident that the site was secured and occupied since several vehicles were parked on site (see photos attached in Exhibit B). DEF has vacated the property since 1996 and the subject property has been removed from both our State and Federal inventories.

DEF requests the cancellation of EO No. 1293 with no further involvement from our department.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of this EO cancellation request.

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Engineering Office

Honorable Michael D. Wilson
Director, Department of Land
and Natural Resources
P. O. Box 621
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809

Dear Mr. Wilson:

This is in response to your memorandum of June 4, 1996, regarding cancellation of various Governor's orders for Hawaii Army National Guard armory sites at Kaneohe, Oahu; Wailuku, Maui; and Pahala and Kapaau, Hawaii.

Transfer of physical control including the turn over of all keys has been completed for all four of the former armories.

Regarding the Kaneohe site, all keys were delivered by Mr. Fred Reyes to Mr. John Dooling and Mr. Steve Lau on July 1, 1996, and mid-July 1996. Regarding the Wailuku site, walk through inspections and key turn over were done on June 19, 1996, and July 11, 1996. Inspections were led by Master Sergeant Dunn Llego along with Mr. Phil Ohta, Mr. Curtis Powers, Mr. Keith Keau, and other employees of your DOCARE office. Regarding the Pahala and Kapaau sites, turn over was done by Staff Sergeant Keith Enanoria with Mr. Glenn Abe on June 25-26, 1996. Therefore, your staff has operational control at all of the sites.

Should you have any questions, please have your staff contact Lieutenant Colonel Richard Young, our Facility Management Officer, at 735-4659.

Sincerely,

Edward V. Richardson
Major General
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Adjutant General

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Edward V. Richardson, Major General
Hawaii Air National Guard
Adjutant General
Department of Defense

FROM: Michael D. Wilson, Chairperson *Michael D. Wilson*
Board of Land and Natural Resources

SUBJECT: Request for Cancellation of Various Governor's Executive
Orders Setting Aside Hawaii Army National Guard Armories
to Department of Defense at Kaneohe, Oahu; Wailuku, Maui;
and Pahala and Kapaau, Hawaii

Please accept our sincerest apologies for a belated reply to your letter of March 18, 1996 requesting the cancellation of various Governor's executive orders covering the above-captioned Hawaii Army National Guard armory sites, together with all building improvements located thereon.

We acknowledge that your request for cancellation of the executive orders is being made with the understanding that the Hawaii Army National Guard will retain an administrative office at the Kaneohe Armory for the purpose of supporting a recruiting program on the Windward side of Oahu.

With the closure of these armories on the Islands of Oahu, Maui and Hawaii, arrangements need to be made for transfer of physical control of the various buildings located at each armory site. To accomplish this, we suggest that arrangements be made by designated Department of Defense staff for the turnover of all keys for each armory site to the nearest district land office.

Honorable Edward V. Richardson
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Should your Department of Defense staff have any questions with regards to this matter, they may call Glenn Abe, Supervising Land Agent at 587-0426.

Aloha,



MICHAEL D. WILSON

c: At-Large, Oahu, Maui and Hawaii Land Board Members
Oahu, Maui and Hawaii District Land Offices, together
with copy 3/18/96 letter

EXHIBIT B - SITE PHOTOS

