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To: Daniel Orodener, Executive Officer
State Land Use Commission

From: *Jesse K. Souki*, Director *Jesse K. Souki*

Subject: (DR13-50) Petition to Designate Important Agricultural Lands,
Kamehameha Schools
Lumamai and Waipa, Hanalei, Kauai

Enclosed for your records is a copy of the December 16, 2013, comment letter received from the Commission on Water Resource Management (CWRM) on the subject Petition. The Office of Planning (OP) had solicited comments from CWRM on the Petition and had not received their comments prior to the deadline for filing OP's comment letter.

Enclosure

c: William Meheula, Esq., Law Offices of William Meheula LLC (w/enclosure)
Mr. Scott Enright, Department of Agriculture (w/enclosure)
Mr. Michael A. Dahilig, Department of Planning, County of Kauai (w/enclosure)

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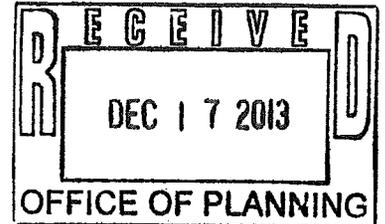


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TO: Jesse K. Souki, Director
Office of Planning

FROM: William Tam, Deputy Director *[Signature]*
Commission on Water Resource Management

SUBJECT: Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands (P-14183)
Petitioner: Trustees of the Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop
dba: Kamehameha Schools
Location: Hanalei, Kauai, Hawaii
Area: Approximately 190 acres

Below are comments based on our review of the Petition (P-14183):

The Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission) does not have any records of existing stream diversions works (registered or permitted) for Lumahai Stream. Assuming that the current license holder (Harada Ohana) is relying on surface water for agricultural use, the Commission recommends that an after-the-fact Stream Diversion Works Permit application be filed with the Commission prior to designating the proposed Lumahai parcels as Important Agricultural Lands.

For Waipa Stream, the Commission has records of three stream diversion works: 1) Diversion by bucket by Mr. Wilmer G. Davis; 2) A stream diversion by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Striegel (located upstream of proposed parcels); and 3) Waipa Ditch System diversion operated by Hawaiian Farmers of Hanalei, Inc. The use of surface water diverted from Waipa Stream is consistent with existing diversions identified by the Commission.

The Commission supports the designation of these lands for the protection and continued cultivation of taro and diversified agriculture in the Lumahai and Waipa areas.

If you have any questions please call me at 587-0214, or Dean Uyeno at 587-0234.

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