BEFORE THE LAND USE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAI’I

In The Matter Of The Petition Of

MAKILA LAND CO., LLC

DOCKET NO. A15-799

ORDER GRANTING MOTION REQUESTING THE LAND USE COMMISSION TO BE THE
ACCEPTING AUTHORITY FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND REQUESTING THAT THE LAND USE COMMISSION DETERMINE THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION WARRANTS THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT TO BE INITIATED WITH THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PREPARATION NOTICE

AND

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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October 22, 2015

Executive Officer
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To Amend The Agricultural Land Use District Boundary into the Rural Land Use District for approximately 231 acres of land consisting of Tax Map Key Nos. (2) 4-7-013: 001 to 005, 006 (por.), 007 (por.), 008 (por.), and 009 to 012; and into the State Urban Land Use District for approximately 40 acres of land consisting of Tax Map Key Nos. (2) 4-7-013: 006 (por.), 007 (por.), and 008 (por.) at Launiupoko, Polanui, Lāhaina, Island and County of Maui, State Of Hawai‘i

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On September 11, 2015, Makila Land Co., LLC ("Petitioner") filed a Petition for Land Use Boundary Amendment ("Petition"); Petitioner’s Exhibits 1-7; Verification of Jennifer A. Lim; Affidavit of Jennifer A. Lim Attesting to Service of Petition; Affidavit of Jennifer A. Lim Attesting to Mailing of the Notification of Petition Filing; and Certificate of Service.
On September 11, 2015, Petitioner also filed Petitioner’s Motion Requesting the Land Use Commission to be the Accepting Authority for an Environmental Impact Statement, and Requesting that the Land Use Commission Determine That the Proposed Action Warrants the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement, to be Initiated With the Preparation Notice; Memorandum in Support of Motion; Appendix “A,” and Certificate of Service ("Motion").

On September 14, 2015, Petitioner filed electronic copies of its Petition and Motion; and a Revised Table of Contents for the Petition.

On September 18, 2015, the LUC sent Petitioner a letter deeming the Petition defective for failure to meet the content requirements outlined in Section 15-15-50, Hawai‘i Administrative Rules ("HAR"), for a properly filed petition. At that time staff identified additional information that was required.

On September 18, 2015, the LUC mailed the Meeting Agenda notice for the September 30, 2015 meeting to be held via video conference in Kahului, Maui; Honolulu, O‘ahu; Hilo, Hawai‘i; and Līhu‘e, Kaua‘i to the Parties, the Statewide, Maui, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i, and O‘ahu mailing lists.

On September 18, 2015, Petitioner filed a Notice of Corrected Certificate of Service, which provided an updated mailing address for Pioneer Mill Company, LLC.

On September 19, 2015, the LUC mailed an Amended Meeting Agenda notice (correcting the meeting time) to the Parties, the Statewide, Maui, Kaua‘i, Hawai‘i, and O‘ahu mailing lists.

On September 23, 2015, the State Office of Planning ("OP") filed its Statement of No Objection to Petitioner’s Motion.
On September 28, 2015, Mr. David Jenkins, on behalf of Makila Plantation Homeowners Association ("MPHOA") filed via e-mail a Notice of Intent to Intervene\(^1\); MPHOA's Notice of Appearance and Position Statement Concerning Petitioner's Motion.

On September 29, 2015, Mr. Douglas R. Wright, Esq. on behalf of MPHOA, filed an Amended Certificate of Service for its Notice of Appearance and Position Statement filed on September 28, 2015.

On September 30, 2015, the Land Use Commission ("Commission") conducted a video conference with meeting rooms in Kahului, Maui; Līhuʻe, Kauaʻi; Hilo, Hawaiʻi; and Honolulu, Oʻahu, to consider the Motion.\(^2\) Jennifer A. Lim, Esq., Rory Frampton, and Tom Witten appeared on behalf of Petitioner. Also present were Rodney Funakoshi and Katie Mineo on behalf of OP; and Michele McLean on behalf of the County of Maui Planning Department ("County").

At the meeting, there was public testimony from two individuals on Maui: Mr. David Jenkins and Mr. George Li Brown. Mr. Jenkins provided a position on behalf of MPHOA, which has no objection to Petitioner's Motion and filed an amended Notice of Intent to Intervene at that time\(^3\). Mr. Brown spoke as an individual owner of a lot within MPHOA and was concerned about the potential environmental impacts from the proposed Project.

The Petitioner provided a summary of its Motion request and some background on studies it planned to conduct as part of the EIS process. Petitioner argued that this Commission is the appropriate accepting authority for the EIS because the filing of the Petition represented the earliest practicable time to determine

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\(^1\) Mr. Jenkins was informed that his initial Notice of Intent to Intervene did not fully comply with §15-15-52(b), HAR, with respect to required information and confirmation that it had been served upon the Petitioner, OP, and the County of Maui.

\(^2\) Petitioner's Motion has acknowledged that the proposed Project may have a significant effect upon the environment, and therefore will require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS"). Amendments to Section §343-5, HRS, allow an approving agency to determine "...through its judgment and experience..." that an EIS is warranted and direct an applicant to go directly to preparing an EIS Preparation Notice ("EISPN") rather than an Environmental Assessment (Act 172, SLH2012).

\(^3\) Mr. Jenkins was informed at this time by staff that this filing also needed to be served by mail to the Petitioner, the Office of State Planning, and the County of Maui Planning Department.
whether an EIS is warranted. Further, the proposed Project is subject to the environmental review process because it requires the amendment of a county development/community plan; proposes the construction of a wastewater treatment facility; and proposes to use State and County lands in the development of water, wastewater, and roadway construction Section 343-5(a)(1), HRS and Section 11-200-6(b)(1)(A), HAR.

The County had no objections to this Commission serving as the accepting authority for the EIS and the preparation of an EIS for the proposed Project as described in the Petition.

OP had no objections to this Commission serving as the accepting authority for the EIS and the preparation of an EIS for the proposed Project as described in the Petition.

Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded that the Land Use Commission agree to be the accepting authority for an environmental impact statement and, based on its judgement and experience, that the proposed project may have a significant impact on the environment, therefore an EIS is warranted and the Petitioner should go directly to the preparation of an EIS preparation notice.

There being a vote tally of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 excused, and one vacant position; the motion carried.

ORDER

This Commission, having duly considered Petitioner’s pleadings and motion, the comments of the County and OP, and comments by the public, and a motion having been made at its meeting on September 30, 2015, in Kahului, island of Maui, and the motion having been seconded and having received the affirmative votes required by section 15-15-13, HAR, and there being good cause for the motion,
HEREBY GRANTS Petitioner's Motion and ORDERS that the Commission agrees to be the accepting authority pursuant to chapter 343, HRS, that the proposed Project may have a significant effect upon the environment to warrant the preparation of an EIS, and directs the Petitioner to file an EISP available for a 30-day public review and comment period pursuant to Sections 343-5(c) and 343-5(e), HRS, and Section 11-200-15(b), HAR.
ADOPTION OF ORDER

This ORDER shall take effect upon the date this ORDER is certified by this Commission.

Done at Honolulu, Hawai‘i, this 22nd, day of October, 2015, per motion on September 30, 2015.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Deputy Attorney General

LAND USE COMMISSION
STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Filed and effective on:

October 22, 2015.

Certified by:

DANIEL E. ORODENKER
Executive Officer
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(port.), 007 (port.), 008 (port.), 009, 010, 011,
012, And Into The Urban Land Use District
For Approximately 40 acres of land, consisting
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(port.), 008 (port.) at Launiupoko, Polanui,
Lahaina, Island and County of Maui, State of
Hawaii

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that due service of the within document was made by depositing the same
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