

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu:

PLACE: Mission Memorial Conference Room, Mission Memorial Building,
550 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii
DATE: Wednesday, June 21, 2017
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing notice published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser on May 22, 2017.

NORTH SHORE – STATE SPECIAL USE PERMIT – 2014/SUP-6 (RY)
KAWAILOA SOLAR, LLC

Applicant: Kawaiiloa Solar, LLC
Landowner: Trustees of the Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop, dba Kamehameha Schools
Location: Kawaiiloa, North Shore, Oahu
Tax Map Key: 6-1-005: Portion of 1 and 6-1-006: Portion of 1
Existing Use: Agriculture (pasture)
Existing Zoning: AG-1 Restricted Agricultural District
Land Area: Approximately 382.2 acres
Request: To amend the Special Use Permit (SUP) which allows the establishment of a 50-megawatt photovoltaic (PV) energy generation facility and accessory uses and structures by modifying Condition of Approval Number 6 to extend the deadline to establish the proposed solar energy facility and to extend the SUP's validity period and by modifying Condition of Approval Number 8 to redefine what constitutes a major modification.

This hearing is to be held under the provisions of Chapters 46, 92, and 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, Articles VI and XIII, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, 1973, as amended, Sections 2-40, 2-43, 2-44 and 2-46(e) of the Rules of the Planning Commission, City and County of Honolulu, and Chapter 15-15 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules.

The particular sections of statutes and rules involved include Sections 205-2(d)(6)(B), 205-4.5(a)(20), and 205-4.5(a)(21) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, and Subchapter 4 of Chapter 2 and Section 2-45 of the Rules of the Planning Commission. The issue involved relates to whether to grant an amendment of the Special Use Permit pursuant to Section 205-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for solar energy facilities on land with soil classified by the Land Study Bureau as overall master productivity rating Class A, B, and C.

Any party may retain counsel if the party so desires, and an individual may appear on his own behalf, or a member of a partnership may represent the partnership, or an officer or authorized employee of a corporation or trust or association may represent the corporation, trust, or association.

Any person or agency wishing to intervene as a party in the proceeding shall file a petition with the Commission within fourteen (14) days after this notice is published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. The petition must conform to the requirements of Subchapter 5, Chapter 2 of the Rules of the Planning Commission, which are available at the Department of Planning and Permitting. A contested case hearing may be held on the matter pursuant to action by the Planning Commission to grant the petition.

Public testimony is to be taken at the hearing. Fifteen (15) copies of written testimony should be filed with the Planning Commission at least two business days before the date of the public hearing. One copy may be faxed to 768-6743.

Information regarding the public hearing can be obtained by contacting the Planning Commission, 7th Floor, Frank F. Fasi Municipal Building, 650 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, telephone 768-8007. Special services for people with disabilities will be provided upon prior request.

If you require special assistance, auxiliary aid and/or service to participate in this event (i.e., sign language interpreter, interpreter for language other than English, or wheelchair accessibility), please call 768-8000, or email your request to info@honoluluodpp.org at least three business days prior to the event.

PLANNING COMMISSION
DEAN I. HAZAMA, Chair
By

KATHY K. SOKUGAWA, Acting Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

(Honolulu Star-Advertiser: Monday, May 22, 2017)

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June 20, 2017

Ms. Kathy K. Sokugawa
Acting Director
City and County of Honolulu
Department of Planning and Permitting
650 South King Street, 7th Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Ms. Sokugawa:

Subject: Kawailoa Solar Project – Information Addendum
Modification to Special Use Permit (2014/ SUP-6; SP 15-406)
Various undeveloped agricultural lands in Kawailoa – Waimea Waialua
TMK: (1) 6-1-005:001 (por) and (1) 6-1-006:001 (por)

The Department of Transportation, Highways Division (HDOT), Planning Branch reviewed the Modification of Special Use Permit (2014/ SUP-6; SP 15-406) Application that includes the following changes:

1. Change of Property Owner – SunEdison filed for bankruptcy and NRG Renew LLC purchased three of the subsidiary companies that were developing solar projects on Oahu.
2. Extension of Time to Establish Project – modification to establish the Solar Energy Facility from July 31, 2015 to December 31, 2019.
3. Change in the number of solar panels (-27,000 to +329,000) depending on the modules the new owner selects.
4. Change in the perimeter fencing from 4 ft high “hog wire” mesh to 6 ft high chain-link fence.

Overall, we do not expect the above changes to have a major impact on our State Highway facilities, Kamehameha Highway (Route 83). We understand that access to the site is via Ashley Road, a private agricultural roadway that is maintained for the existing wind farm and connects to Kamehameha Highway.

Kamehameha Highway is a 2-lane rural highway functionally classified as a “Principal Arterial” because it is the principal roadway used for mobility between surrounding urban areas. Although principal arterials typically have limited access, there are a number of local roads (such as Ashley Road), residential driveways, and informal parking areas along the highway in the project area.

