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Correspondence: HA 19-127 MAR - 7 2019

Carlsmith Ball LLP Attention: Derek B. Simon 1001 Bishop St., Suite 2100 Honolulu, HI 96813

SUBJECT:

Early Consultation Request for the Preparation of a Draft Environmental

Assessment (EA) for Property Located at Waikahekahe, Puna, TMK: (3) 1-5-

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Dear Mr. Simon:

The Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) has reviewed your information regarding the subject matter. According to your information, an Environmental Assessment is being prepared for the proposed reclassification of the subject parcel from the Conservation State Land Use District to the Agricultural State Land Use District and for a proposed residence.

The OCCL notes according to the Atlas of Natural Hazards in the Hawaiian Coastal Zone<sup>1</sup>, the overall coastal hazard assessment of this area is high, as there are natural hazards that may affect this low-lying region. High waves consist generally of refracted north swell, trade-wind waves. and waves associated with approaching tropical cyclones. The storm hazard is high as the coast is exposed to both the tropical cyclone and Kona storm windows. Due to volcanic and the related seismic activity, this coast has been experiencing rapid long-term subsidence which enhances the rate of relative sea-level rise. The area is located in lava flow hazard zone 3 with zone 1 having the most severity on a scale of 1-9. Sea level rise is faster in this region than any other in Hawai'i due to subsidence and the area may experience seismicity associated with Kilauea volcano. (Exhibit A)

ALL proposed development along coastlines of Hawai'i should take climate change into consideration. The applicant should discuss potential impacts of climate change and how these impacts will be mitigated within the EA. The siting of the residence should be located as far mauka as practical from the certified shoreline and post on pier construction should be considered. You may wish to review the projected sea level rise exposure area on the Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Viewer at http://www.pacioos.hawaii.edu/shoreline/slr-hawaii/.

<sup>1</sup> Fletcher, Grossman, Richmond & Gibbs. 2002. Atlas of Natural Hazards in the Hawaiian Coastal Zone. Department of the Interior, USGS.

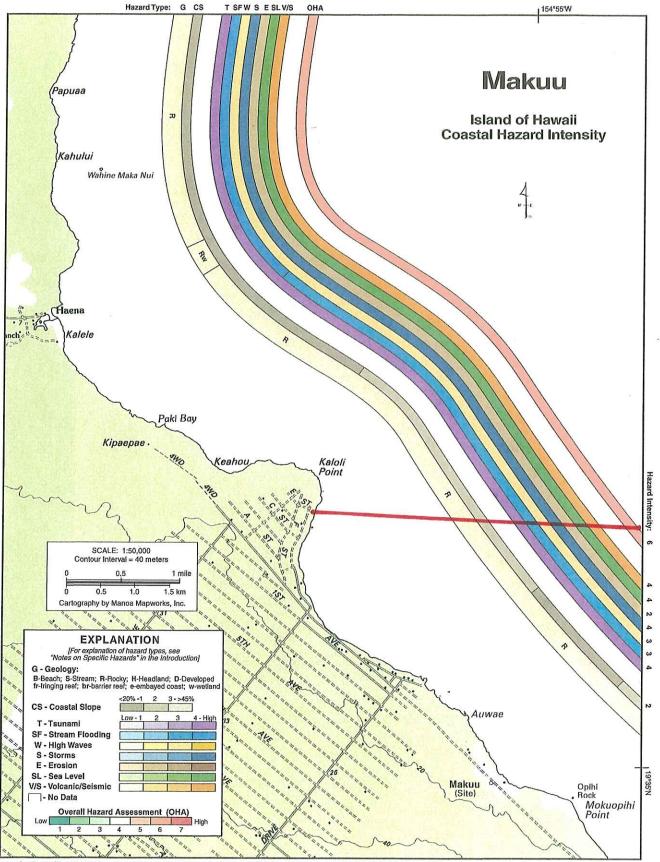
Lateral shoreline access, subsistence fishing/gathering and indigenous religious contemplation/expression are traditional uses that take place along this coastline and are protected by the Hawai'i State Constitution and statute.

Should there be any questions regarding this correspondence, contact Tiger Mills of our Office at (808) 587-0382.

Sincerely,

Samuel J. Lemmo, Administrator Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands

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