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Re: LUC Docket No. A02-737
Annual Report by University of the Nations Bencorp,
now known as AEKO Hawaii
Tax Map Key Nos. (3) 7-5-10:85 and 7-5-17:06

Dear Mr. Ching:

The Land Use Commission issued its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order in State Land Use Commission Docket No. A02-737, on August 8, 2003 (the "**D&O**"). The Petitioner in the D&O was the University of the Nations Bencorp ("**Bencorp**"), a 501(c)(2) non-profit benefit corporation for the University of the Nations (the "**University**"). Subsequent to the filing of the D&O, Bencorp changed its name to AEKO Hawaii ("**AEKO**"). AEKO will be submitting a Motion to Change Petitioner's Name shortly. Now, in compliance with Condition No. 17 of the D&O, AEKO hereby submits its annual report for 2004, 2005, and 2006 for TMK Nos.: (3) 7-5-10:85 and 7-5-17:06 (the "**Subject Property**"), discussing compliance with the substantive conditions of approval, listing in order the governmental "Condition" and AEKO's "Response."

History of the Project

In the D&O, Petitioner Bencorp was granted a State Land Use Boundary Amendment to reclassify approximately 62 acres of land situate at Waiaha 1st, Kailua-Kona, District of North Kona, County and State of Hawaii, from the Agricultural Land Use District to the Urban Land Use District to allow for the development of the Hualalai Village condominiums, a multi-function Cultural Center, and a five-acre Educational Facility (the "**Original Project**").

On May 1, 2005, the Board of Directors of Bencorp adopted an amendment to change its corporate name from University of the Nations Bencorp to AEKO Hawaii. New members to the

AEKO Board were appointed, as follows: Wes Rein heller, Warren Israelson, Ernie Wouters and Dwayne Betsill. On May 18, 2005, AEKO filed its Articles of Amendment to Change Corporate Name in the Business Registration Division of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs of the State of Hawaii.

AEKO, together with Loren Cunningham, the founder of the University, determined that the Original Project, with its commercially driven Hualalai Village condominiums and Cultural Center, was not in keeping with the purpose, mission and needs of the University, and that the educational facilities planned under the Original Project were insufficient for the current and projected needs of the University. For that reason, the Original Project was revised and now consists of a Staff Housing Community, Student Village Apartments, and Expanded Academic and Recreational Facilities (the "**Revised Project**"). AEKO will be seeking approval from the Land Use Commission for the Revised Project by filing a Motion to Amend Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision and Order in Docket No. A02-737 ("**Motion to Amend**"). AEKO believes that the Revised Project continues to be in substantial compliance with the representations made to the Commission in Docket No. A02-737, is more in keeping with the important mission and purpose of the University, and will have significantly less impact on the surrounding area than the Original Project.

In light of the aforementioned changes, AEKO has not begun work on, or fully complied with, certain of the Conditions in the D&O. That said, please accept this annual report on behalf of AEKO. Regarding compliance with the conditions of the D&O, AEKO, as Petitioner, offers the following:

Compliance with Conditions of Approval for Docket No. A02-737

Condition 1

Affordable Housing. Petitioner shall provide affordable housing opportunities for residents of the State of Hawaii in accordance with applicable housing requirements for the Project of the County of Hawaii. The location and distribution of the affordable housing or other provisions for affordable housing shall be under such terms as may be mutually agreeable between the Petitioner and the County of Hawaii.

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing Condition as it applies to the D&O, or any amendment to such D&O.

Condition 2:

Drainage Improvements. Petitioner shall design and construct on-site and regional drainage improvements required as a result of the development of the Reclassified Area to the satisfaction of the State Department of Health, the Commission on Water Resource Management

of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the County of Hawaii. The Petitioner shall prepare a Drainage Study meeting with the approval of the County of Hawaii Department of Public Works. The Drainage Study shall consider regional drainage issues.

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing Condition as it applies to the D&O, or any amendment to such D&O. On-site drainage improvements for the developed area have been completed.

Condition 3:

Public School Facilities. Petitioner shall contribute to the development, funding, and/or construction of school facilities for the Project, on a fair-share basis, as determined by and to the satisfaction of the Department of Education. Terms of the contribution shall be agreed upon in writing by the Petitioner and the Department of Education prior to seeking building permits for any portion of the Reclassified Area.

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing Condition as it applies to the D&O, or any amendment to such D&O.

Condition 4:

Water Resources. Petitioner shall provide adequate water supply facilities and improvements or equivalent funding to accommodate the Project. The water supply facilities, improvements and/or equivalent funding shall be coordinated and approved by the Commission on Water Resource Management of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the County of Hawaii Department of Water Supply.

Response: Petitioner has 297 water credits available. Engineering consultants working for the University are currently working with the Department of Water Supply, Engineering Division, regarding the master plan for TMK Nos. (3) 7-5-10:85 and 7-5-17:06. Alternative transmission line layouts and storage tank locations are being evaluated. University engineers are working to define a water agreement that is mutually acceptable to the University, the Commission on Water Resource Management of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, the County of Hawaii Department of Water Supply, and adjacent landowner. Petitioner will replace the two 500,000 gallon water tanks on the Subject Property with a 1.0 million gallon tank to be located further south on the Subject Property.

Condition 5:

Wastewater Facilities. Petitioner shall provide adequate wastewater treatment, transmission, and disposal facilities for the Project as determined by the State Department of Health and the County of Hawaii Department of Environmental Management.

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing Condition by implementing a plan to have wastewater for the Revised Project collected from a gravity system which will be connected to an interceptor along Kuakini Highway and transported through the County system to the County of Hawaii's municipal wastewater treatment plant. The overall on-site system is planned to drain toward the northern, makai corner of the site.

Condition 6:

Archaeology.

a. Petitioner shall submit a complete inventory survey report of the Reclassified Area for the review and approval of the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources ("DLNR-SHPD"). Petitioner shall prepare and implement a data recovery plan, a preservation plan, a burial treatment plan, and a monitoring plan to be reviewed and approved by the DLNR-SHPD. The submittal of these plans shall be accompanied by the design plans for the Project to facilitate the development of appropriate mitigation measures.

Response: Petitioner's Archaeological Inventory Survey was approved by the DLNR-SHPD on November 17, 2003. Petitioner's Data Recovery Plan was approved by the DLNR-SHPD on April 29, 2005. Petitioner has not yet prepared a Preservation Plan. Petitioner's Burial Treatment Plan has been submitted and DLNR-SHPD approval is pending. DLNR-SHPD has not instructed Petitioner to provide a monitoring plan. When finalized, the design plans for the Revised Project will be submitted to DLNR-SHPD.

b. Should any previously unidentified human burials, archaeological or historic sites such as artifacts, marine shell concentrations, charcoal deposits, stone platforms, pavings or walls be found, Petitioner shall stop work in the immediate vicinity and the DLNR-SHPD shall be notified immediately. The significance of these finds shall then be determined and approved by the DLNR-SHPD. Subsequent work shall proceed upon an archaeological clearance from the DLNR-SHPD when it finds that mitigative measures have been implemented to its satisfaction. Petitioner shall also comply with all applicable statutory provisions and

administrative rules regarding inadvertent burial finds within the Reclassified Area. Any mitigation and preservation shall be monitored by the KWC as described below.

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing Condition as it applies to the D&O, or any amendment to such D&O. In Petitioner's Motion to Amend, Petitioner will seek deletion of the last sentence in this Condition, as it pertains to Kahu Wai'aha Committee's ("KWC") monitoring of Petitioner's mitigation and preservation plans. KWC monitoring was included as a Condition in the D&O due to the planned Cultural Center. In light of the Revised Project and the deletion of the Cultural Center, KWC monitoring should no longer be applicable.

c. The proposed mitigation commitments for all identified sites with burials shall be submitted to the DLNR-SHPD for review and comment. A burial treatment plan for those sites, to include without limitation Sites 23683, 23684 and 23685, shall then be approved by DLNR-SHPD, and a certified copy of said plan shall be filed with the Commission prior to any land alteration in the vicinity of these sites. Mitigation commitments shall be monitored by the Kahu Wai'aha Committee ("KWC").

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing Condition as it applies to the D&O, or any amendment to such D&O. In Petitioner's Motion to Amend, Petitioner will seek deletion of the last sentence in this Condition, as it pertains to KWC monitoring of Petitioner's mitigation commitments. KWC monitoring was included as a Condition in the D&O due to the planned Cultural Center. In light of the Revised Project and the deletion of the Cultural Center, KWC monitoring should no longer be applicable.

d. For all sites approved by the DLNR-SHPD to undergo archaeological data recovery, an archaeological data recovery plan (scope of work) shall be prepared by Petitioner. This plan shall be approved by the DLNR-SHPD and a certified copy of said plan shall be filed with the Commission prior to any land alteration in the vicinity of these sites. The approved plan shall be monitored by the KWC.

Response: Petitioner has completed an Archaeological Data Recovery Plan, which has been approved by the DLNR-SHPD. Petitioner will provide the Commission a certified copy of the Archaeological Data Recovery Plan. In Petitioner's Motion to Amend, Petitioner will seek deletion of the last sentence in this Condition, as it pertains to KWC's monitoring of the Archaeological Data Recover Plan. KWC's monitoring was included as a Condition in the D&O due to the planned Cultural Center. In light of the Revised Project and

the deletion of the Cultural Center, KWC monitoring should no longer be applicable.

e. For all sites approved for preservation by the DLNR-SHPD, to include without limitation the Great Wall of Kuakini (Site 6302), the papamū or rough square game board (Site 23682), the agricultural heiau (Site 23681), and after completion of the finished grade for the area, at least one of the alignments for the ancient trails (Site 23679 or Site 23680), a preservation plan shall be prepared by Petitioner. (Burial sites are covered under the burial treatment plan.) This plan shall include buffer zones/interim protection measures during construction, and long-range preservation (including public access and interpretation, where appropriate). The plan shall include input from the KWC and relevant Hawaiian groups. The plan shall be approved by the DLNR-SHPD and a certified copy of said plan shall be filed with the Commission prior to any land alteration in the vicinity of these sites. The approved preservation plan shall be monitored by the KWC.

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing Condition as it applies to the D&O, or any amendment to such D&O. In Petitioner's Motion to Amend, Petitioner will seek deletion of that portion of the Condition that relates to KWC's input and monitoring. KWC was included as a Condition in the D&O due to the planned Cultural Center. In light of the Revised Project and the deletion of the Cultural Center, participation by KWC should no longer be required.

f. Petitioner shall preserve the approximate alignment of at least one of the mauka-makai trail segments. Due to the difficulty of development on this site, the site grading would occur first, then the Petitioner shall reestablish a minimum of one of the two trail segments, Site 23679 (20 meter segment) or Site 23680 (ten meter segment), at a mutually agreeable site, giving allowances for building footprints, on finished grade, in consultation with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing Condition as it applies to the D&O, or any amendment to such D&O.

Condition 7:

Cultural, Historical, Customary and Traditional Rights and Resources.

a. Petitioner shall initially establish and annually provide reasonable operating and capital expenditure costs or facilities through revenues from the Project, the KWC composed of: (1) a person of Native

Hawaiian ancestry who is a lineal descendent and knowledgeable regarding the type of cultural resources and practices within the Reclassified Area, as selected by the Executive Officer of the Commission from a list of three names based on a review of their resumes, and (2) a management member knowledgeable regarding the type of cultural resources and practices within the Reclassified Area, as selected by the Petitioner. The individuals making up the KWC shall operate on an equal vote basis.

b. The KWC shall be established by Petitioner no later than six months from the issuance of this Decision and Order. Upon establishment of the KWC, Petitioner shall provide a written report to the Commission, the Office of Planning, and the County of Hawaii with details as to its composition, structure, operating costs and compensation for members and staff, procedures, and plan of action.

c. The KWC shall jointly decide, on an equal vote basis, monitoring and dispute resolution decisions related to the protection of native Hawaiian practitioners' exercise of customary and traditional practices and rights within the Reclassified Area; the availability of natural and cultural resources for present and future generations; and appropriate access within the Reclassified Area to the extent that these rights are protected by PASH vs. Hawaii County Planning Commission, 79 Haw. 425 (1995), in perpetuity. In the event that the two person KWC cannot agree on a specific decision, they shall jointly select a third person to break the tie. A certified description of any action requiring selection of a third member of the KWC shall be filed with the Commission.

d. The KWC shall monitor the quality of the Petitioner's actions to provide access to and/or preserve and maintain traditional and customary native Hawaiian practices and cultural resources. The KWC shall provide recommendations consistent with this Decision and Order to the Commission with respect to maintenance and/or preservation of those traditional and customary native Hawaiian practices and cultural resources.

e. The KWC shall provide reports to the Commission on an annual basis describing items and issues covered in their deliberations and any other findings and recommendations.

f. Petitioner shall preserve and protect rights to gathering for cultural purposes, including religious practice, by providing appropriate access to burial sites and other archaeological sites within the Reclassified Area consistent with this Decision and Order. Petitioner shall adhere to

prevailing and/or published protocols of the DLNR-SHPD where these sites are found to exist, as monitored by the KWC.

Response: At this time, Petitioner has not complied with this Condition. Shortly after the D&O, and until recently, there have been numerous changes in the leadership of Petitioner and to the concepts for the Project, such changes precluding technical compliance with all of the Conditions of the D&O. In light of the Revised Project, Petitioner's Motion to Amend will seek deletion of Condition 7, as it relates to the establishment and role of KWC. For the Original Project, KWC was to be established in connection with the proposed Cultural Center. The Cultural Center is not part of the Revised Project and for that reason Petition will seek the deletion of any condition(s) that includes the establishment of, or participation or monitoring by, the KWC.

Condition 8:

Soil Erosion and Dust Control. Petitioner shall implement efficient soil erosion and dust control measures during and after the development process to the satisfaction of the State Department of Health.

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing conditions as they apply to the D&O, or any amendment to such D&O.

Condition 9:

Transportation. Petitioner shall participate in the pro-rata funding and construction of local and regional transportation improvements and programs necessitated by the proposed development in designs and schedules accepted and determined by the State Department of Transportation (DOT) and County of Hawaii Department of Public Works (DPW). Agreement between the Petitioner and the DOT and DPW as to the level of funding and participation shall be obtained prior to the Petitioner obtaining County zoning, or prior to the Petitioner securing County building permits if County zoning is not required.

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing conditions as they apply to the D&O, or any amendment to such D&O.

Condition 10:

Traffic. Petitioner shall, prior to the Petitioner obtaining County zoning, submit a revised Traffic Impact Analysis Report for the review and approval of the DOT and DPW, which shall include an analysis of the entire development of the existing/proposed University of the Nations-

Kona, Hualalai Village project, and the Cultural Center, as well as existing and potential future developments in the immediate area as required by the DOT and DPW.

Response: Petitioner's Revised Project does not include the Hualalai Village project or the Cultural Center. Petitioner shall seek an amendment to the foregoing Condition that will require Petitioner, concurrent with its application for County zoning, to submit a Traffic Impact Analysis Report ("TIAR") for review by the DOT and DPW. Under Petitioner's proposed amendment, Petitioner shall, prior to seeking Plan Approval, obtain approval of said TIAR from the DOT and DPW.

Condition 11:

Cultural Center. The Petitioner shall develop the Cultural Center with sensitivity to the host native Hawaiian culture, and provide for outreach and educational opportunities for the children of Hawaii. The Petitioner shall consult with the KWC and the Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani, College of Hawaiian Language at University of Hawaii-Hilo to promote cultural sensitivity in the development of programs for the Cultural Center. Petitioner shall, prior to commencement of operations for the Cultural Center, submit a status report to the Commission for its approval on the Petitioner's traffic mitigation efforts for development of the Reclassified Area. If, for any reason, the Cultural Center does not commence operations by January 1, 2008, the Petitioner shall return to the Commission for a hearing to review compliance with the requirements of this Condition.

Response: Petitioner no longer intends to develop the Cultural Center, and will seek deletion of this Condition in its Motion to Amend.

Condition 12:

Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikolani, College of Hawaiian Language at University of Hawaii-Hilo. Petitioner shall cooperate with the College of Hawaiian Language at University of Hawaii-Hilo in promoting the perpetuation of the Hawaiian language by providing distance learning opportunities for teaching the native Hawaiian language, as well as cooperating in activities that promote Hawaiian cultural authenticity.

Response: Petitioner no longer intends to develop the Cultural Center, which was the impetus for this Condition. Petitioner will seek deletion of this Condition in its Motion to Amend.

Condition 13:

Civil Defense. Petitioner shall fund and construct adequate civil defense measures serving the Reclassified Area as determined by the State of Hawaii Department of Defense-Office of Civil Defense, and the County of Hawaii Civil Defense Agency.

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing conditions as they apply to the D&O, or any amendment to such D&O.

Condition 14:

Solid Waste. Petitioner shall develop a Solid Waste Management Plan in conformance with the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act, Chapter 342G, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Petitioner's Solid Waste Management Plan shall be approved by the County of Hawaii Department of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Division. The Plan shall address and encourage an awareness of the need to divert the maximum amount of waste material caused by developments away from the County's landfills.

Response: Petitioner has submitted a Solid Waste Management Plan for approval by the County of Hawaii Department of Environmental Management, Solid Waste Division.

Condition 15:

Compliance with Representations to the Commission. Petitioner shall develop the Reclassified Area in substantial compliance with the representations made by the Petitioner to the Commission in this Docket, as proposed in its Petition and in documentary evidence and testimony before the Commission. Failure to do so for any reason including economic feasibility, may result in the imposition of fines as provided by law, removal of improvements by Petitioner at Petitioner's own expense, reversion of the Reclassified Area to its former classification, a change to a more appropriate classification, or any other legal remedies.

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing conditions as they apply to the D&O, or any amendment to such D&O.

Condition 16:

Notice of Change to Ownership Interests. Petitioner shall give notice to the Commission of any intent to sell, lease, assign, place in trust, or

otherwise voluntarily alter the ownership interests in the Property, prior to development of the Property.

Response: Petitioner will comply with the foregoing conditions as they apply to the D&O, or any amendment to such D&O.

Condition 17:

Annual Reports. Petitioner shall timely provide without prior notice, annual reports to the Commission, the Office of Planning, and the County of Hawaii Planning Department in connection with the status of the development proposed for the Reclassified Area, and Petitioner's progress in complying with the conditions imposed. The annual report shall be submitted in a form prescribed by the Executive Officer of the Commission. The annual report shall be due prior to or on the anniversary date of the Commission's approval of the Petition.

Response: Petitioner submits this annual report to satisfy Condition 17 for 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Condition 18:

Release of Conditions Imposed by the Commission. Petitioner may seek from the Commission full or partial release of the conditions provided herein as to all or any portion of the Reclassified Area upon evidence acceptable to the Commission of satisfaction of these conditions.

Response: Upon satisfaction of the foregoing conditions, or upon satisfaction of modifications to the foregoing conditions as will be requested pursuant to Petitioner's Motion to Amend, Petitioner will petition the Commission for partial or full release of the applicable Conditions, as provided above.

Condition 19:

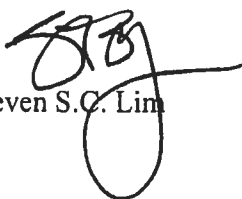
Recording of Conditions. Within seven (7) days of the issuance of the Commission's Decision and Order for the subject reclassification, Petitioner shall (a) record with Bureau of Conveyances and/or the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court of State of Hawaii, as applicable, a statement that the Reclassified Area is subject to conditions imposed by the Commission in the reclassification of the Reclassified Area, and (b) file a copy of such recorded statement with the Commission. Petitioner shall record the conditions imposed herein by the Commission with the Bureau of Conveyances and/or the Assistant Registrar of the Land Court of the State of Hawaii, as applicable, pursuant to Section 15-15-92, Hawaii Administrative Rules.

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Response: Petitioner has complied with this Condition.

Thank you for the opportunity to present University of the Nations Bencorp, now known as AEKO Hawaii's, annual report for 2004-2006. AEKO Hawaii hopes this annual report sufficiently appries the Land Use Commission of the present status of the Subject Property. Should you need more information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


Steven S.C. Lim

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LOG NO: 2005.0881
DOC NO: 0504MM22

Dear Dr. Rechtman:

**SUBJECT: Chapter 6E-42 Historic Preservation Review - Revised Data Recovery Plan
(Rechtman and Clark, Revised March 2005)
Ahupua'a of Wai'aha, North Kona District, Hawaii Island
TMK: (3) 7-5-010:085, 7-5-017:006**


Thank you for submitting revised replacement pages (7, 59-62) for this data recovery plan for our review and approval, which we received on February 21, 2005. The revisions were undertaken in response to our earlier review comments (Log No.2004.1414, Doc No. 0405PM01) in which clarification was sought regarding research objectives and methods, and corrections were made for to some site descriptions.

Regarding methods, as we requested, you have planned for additional excavation units at Sites 23670, 23673, and 23686. We also requested that you reconsider your plan to submit only large single-pieces of charcoal for dating and wood species identification, and submit every sample for wood charcoal identification. You apparently have not agreed to this, as no changes in your text were noted. We strongly suggest that you take advantage of this opportunity to date annual, short-lived species from somewhere within your sample.

The plan is considered adequate to meet the requirements of HAR 13-278 and you may proceed with your investigations.

If you have any questions about this review, please contact MaryAnne Maigret in our Hawaii Island office at (808) 327-3690.

Aloha,


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c: Christopher Yuen, Hawaii County Planning Department

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November 17, 2003

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LOG NO: 2003.2356
DOC NO: 0311PM04

Dear Dr. Rechtman:

**SUBJECT: Chapter 6E-42 Historic Preservation Review of a Final Report RC-0153:
"An Archaeological Inventory Survey of TMK's: 3-7-5-10:85 and 3-7-5-
17:06" (Clark and Rechtman 2003)
Wai'aha, North Kona, Hawaii Island**

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the above referenced draft report, which was received in our office August 20, 2003. The report was revised to address the comments in our review letter of May 7, 2003 (Log No. 2003. 0238; Doc. No. 0304PM05).

As indicated in our previous letter, we believe that the archaeological inventory survey of the roughly 62-acre project area was adequate in terms of the identification of significant historic sites. One previously identified site (the Kuakini Wall) and 25 new sites were identified in the survey.

In our review of the first draft report we also concurred with your proposed site significance evaluations and recommended site treatments. All 26 sites in the project area have yielded information important for an understanding of local prehistory or history and are thus significant under Criterion "d." Five sites are significant under multiple criteria. These include the Kuakini Wall site (6302), three burial sites (23683, 23684, and 23685), and one ceremonial site (23681). All five of the sites evaluated as significant under multiple criteria are recommended for preservation. Ten sites are recommended for data recovery. No further work is recommended for the other eleven sites, which include all of the historic ranch walls, the two trail segments, and two of the sites interpreted as temporary habitations.

Your letter notes that you have made all of the revisions to the report we had requested, except for eight specific comments that are discussed in your letter. We will accept your explanations for why you couldn't address these particular comments, but with regard to your comment about previously approved reports, you realize, of course, that approval of a report does not mean that

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we accept or approve of all of the information or conclusions contained in a report. We still do not agree, for example, with your definition of features and we don't believe that "landscape markers" is a particularly useful umbrella term for such things as cairns and walls, including ranch walls.

Your report meets with our approval. The next step in the historic preservation review process is the preparation and implementation of a data recovery plan, a preservation plan, and a burial treatment plan for sites in the project area.

As a reminder, you need to remember to submit a second copy of all reports, plans, and correspondence to our Kona office. In the future we will not begin a review unless the Kona office has a copy. If you or your client should have any questions about this project please contact our Hawaii Island archaeologist, Patrick McCoy, at 692-8029.

Aloha,



P. Holly McEldowney, Acting Administrator
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- c. Chris Yuen, County of Hawaii Planning Department
- Kai Emler, County of Hawaii Department of Public Works
- Kai Markell, SHPD Burial Sites Program
- Mary Lou Kobayashi, Office of Planning
- Anthony Ching, Land Use Commission

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