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On May 22, 2006, Maalaea Properties, LLC, a Hawai‘i limited liability company, and Lodi Development, Inc., a California corporation (collectively “Petitioner”), filed a Petition For Land Use District Boundary Amendment (“Petition”) to reclassify approximately 260 acres of land at Mā‘alaea, Maui, Hawai‘i, identified as Tax Map Key: 3-6-01: 18 (“Petition Area”), from the State Land Use Agricultural District to the State Land Use Urban District for residential, community center, and park uses
(“Project”). An Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (“EISPAN”) was included with the Petition.¹

The Project is subject to the environmental review process as it proposes (i) the use of State or County lands for access; and (ii) the installation of a wastewater treatment facility serving more than 50 single-family dwellings, pursuant to sections 343-5(a)(1) and 343-5(a)(9)(A), Hawai’i Revised Statutes (“HRS”), and section 11-200-6(b)(1)(A), Hawai’i Administrative Rules (“HAR”).

On June 16, 2006, Petitioner filed an Amended Petition For Land Use District Boundary Amendment (“Amended Petition”). The Amended Petition, among other things, amended the acreage of the Petition Area from approximately 260 acres to approximately 256.903 acres.

On June 22, 2006, the Land Use Commission (“Commission”) held a meeting in Makena, Maui, to determine (i) whether this Commission should be the accepting authority pursuant to chapter 343, HRS; and (ii) if so, whether the Project warranted the preparation of an EIS. James W. Geiger, Esq., and Mike Atherton appeared on behalf of Petitioner. Jane E. Lovell, Esq., and Michael W. Foley appeared on behalf of the County of Maui Department of Planning (“DP”). Bryan C. Yee, Esq., and Laura Thielen appeared on behalf of the State Office of Planning (“OP”).

¹ By preparing the EISPAN, Petitioner has already acknowledged that the Project may have a significant effect upon the environment, and therefore will require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”).
At the meeting, Petitioner requested that this Commission be the accepting authority for the EIS, and that it authorize Petitioner to proceed with the filing of the EIS. The DP stated that it supported this Commission as the accepting authority, and agreed that an EIS is appropriate for the Project. The DP also pointed out that the County administration is strongly opposed to the Project, and requested that Petitioner’s EIS consultant, Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc. (“MHI”), solicit comments from the various County agencies on the EIS. Finally, the DP requested that all hearings on the Petition, including the hearing on the acceptance of the EIS, be held on Maui. The OP stated that it supported this Commission as the accepting authority, and further that an EIS is required in this case.

Following discussion, a motion was made and seconded to have this Commission agree to be the accepting authority pursuant to chapter 343, HRS. There being a vote tally of 8 ayes and 1 absent, the motion carried. Thereafter, a second motion was made and seconded to have the Commission find that the Project may have a significant effect upon the environment sufficient to warrant the preparation of an EIS. There being a vote tally of 8 ayes and 1 absent, the motion carried.

**ORDER**

This Commission, having duly considered Petitioner’s EISPN, the arguments by the parties in this proceeding, and two motions having been made at its

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2 At the meeting, the DP filed letters from Michael W. Foley to James Geiger dated May 22, 2006, and to Mike Munekiyo of MHI dated June 21, 2006, that, in part, reflected these comments.
meeting on June 22, 2006, in Makena, Maui, and the motions having received the affirmative votes required by section 15-15-13, HAR, and there being good cause for the motions,

HEREBY ORDERS that it agrees to be the accepting authority pursuant to chapter 343, HRS, and that the Project may have a significant effect upon the environment to warrant the preparation of an EIS.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Petitioner shall make the EISP available for a 30-day public review and comment period pursuant to section 11-200-15(b), HAR, and section 343-5(c), HRS.
ADOPTION OF ORDER

The undersigned Commissioners, being familiar with the record and proceedings, hereby adopt and approve the foregoing ORDER this 28th day of June, 2006, as conforming to the vote taken on Maui on June 22, 2006. This ORDER and its ADOPTION shall take effect upon the date this ORDER is certified and filed by this Commission.

Any person aggrieved by this decision and order may seek judicial review in accordance with the provisions of HRS section 91-4.

Done at Honolulu, Hawai‘i, this 28th day of June, 2006, per motion on June 22, 2006.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Deputy Attorney General

LAND USE COMMISSION
STATE OF HAWAI‘I

RANDALL F. SAKUMOTO
Chairperson and Commissioner

Filed and effective on
JUN 23 2006

Certified by:

ANTHONY J. H. CHUNG

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