June 8, 2020

TO: Daniel Oronoshken, Executive Officer
    State Land Use Commission

FROM: Mary Alice Evans, Director
       Office of Planning

SUBJECT: Conservation District Boundary Amendment Final Environmental Assessment (FONSI), Docket No. A18-805

Petitioner: Ken Church and Joan Eve Hildal
Location: Hilo, Hawaii
Acreage: Approximately 3.368 Acres
Tax Map Key: (3) 2-9-003: 29 and 60

The Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) is required in order to allow the Land Use Commission to process a Land Use District Boundary Amendment for land within the State Conservation District. Petitioner proposes to reclassify approximately 3.368 acres from the Conservation to the Agricultural Land Use District. The County zoning is Agriculture (A-20a). Agricultural use is permitted by Hawaii Administrative Rules Section 13-5-7. Petitioner intends to continue agricultural use of the Petition Area. The Petitioner has proposed a buffer area along the cliff-like coastline of the Petition Area. There is also a State-owned strip of land adjacent to the Petition Area along the coastline. Existing uses of the property are a residence and agricultural accessory uses. Previously, the Department of Land and Natural Resources issued a FONSI in 2005 for the uses and residence on the Petition Area.

The Office of Planning (OP) reviewed the Draft EA and submitted a letter to the Land Use Commission (LUC) dated January 31, 2020. Our letter indicated that the DEA contains information on archaeological and cultural resources, and a Ka Paakai analysis. Information was also included on the proposed buffer zone, agricultural resources, flora, fauna, and infrastructure impacts.

Based on the above, OP recommends that the LUC accept the Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Petition.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the document. If you have any questions, please contact Lorene Maki of our staff at Lorene.k.maki@hawaii.gov

c: Ken Church and Joan Eve Hildal
    Planning Department, County of Hawaii
BEFORE THE LAND USE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

In the Matter of the Petition of
KEVIN M. BARRY AND MONICA S.
BARRY, TRUSTEES OF THE BARRY
FAMILY TRUST DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2006

To Amend the Land Use District Boundary of Certain
Lands Situated at Keaau, Puna,
County and State of Hawaii, Consisting of
0.51 acres from the Conservation District to
the Agricultural District, Tax Map Key No. (3)
1-5-059:059.

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OFFICE OF PLANNING’S RESPONSE TO
PETITIONER’S MOTION FOR ISSUANCE
OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION OR
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT;
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, STATE OF HAWAII, has no objection to Petitioner’s Motion
requesting the Land Use Commission to determine that a negative declaration or finding of no significant
impact is warranted in this Docket and to file notice thereof together with a Final Environmental
Assessment with the State of Hawaii Department of Health, Office of Environmental Quality Control.
pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) Chapter 205, and Hawaii Administrative Rules §§ 15-15-


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