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VIA E-MAIL, HAND-DELIVERY AND U.S. MAIL

Planning Commission c/o Department of Planning and Permitting 650 South King Street, 7th Floor Honolulu, HI 96813

Attention: Ms. Gloria Takahara

Applicant: AES West O'ahu Solar, LLC; FILE NO. 2020/SUP-6

Dear Ms. Gloria Takahara:

Re:

Please find enclosed twelve (12) sets of additional exhibits for the upcoming January 6, 2021 hearing for the above stated matter. The exhibits are of the following:

Exhibit No. Description

- 22. SHPD Comments to Archaeological Inventory Survey Report for AES West Oahu Solar Project.
- 23. Letter dated December 28, 2020 from David W. Shideler, Cultural Surveys Hawai'i, Inc. to Dr. Alan S. Downer, SHPD Administrator DLNR—State Historic Preservation Division re: Draft Archaeological Inventory Survey Report for AES West O'ahu Solar Project, Honouliuli Ahupua'a, 'Ewa District, O'ahu, TMK: (1) 9-2-002:007 por. (Welser et al. 2020) submitted for review.
- 24. Revised Draft Archaeological Inventory Survey Report for the AES West O'ahu Solar Project, Honouliuli Ahupua'a, 'Ewa District, O'ahu TMK: [1] 9-2-002:007 (por.) Prepared for Tetra Tech, Inc. on behalf of AES Distributed Energy.
- 25. Letter dated December 28, 2020 from Nick Molinari Project Development Manager / Authorized Representative AES West Oahu Solar, LLC. to Dr. Alan Downer State Historic Preservation Division re: Archaeological Inventory Survey (AIS) Report for the West Oahu Solar Plus Storage Project; Honouliuli Ahupua'a, 'Ewa District, O'ahu, Tax Map Key (TMK) 9-2-002:007 (por.); LOG No. 2020.00290.

Archaeological Inventory Survey Report for AES West O'ahu Solar Project, Honodiuli Ahupua'a, 'Ewa District, O'ahu, TMK: (1) 9-2-002:007 por. (Wesler et al. 2020)

- 1. Revise throughout to indicate aspects of integrity for each site, recognizing that some portions may have low integrity while others have high integrity, and collectively they contribute to the significance of the Waiahole Ditch system. Also, indicate significance criteria including which features have yielded information and which retain potential to yield. Site 5593 was previously assessed as significant under a and d. Current AIS says d only. SHPD believes still significant under a as part of the overall ditch system related to plantation agricultural history, including its association with Waiahole Ditch. Also, potentially eligible under c due to example of water diversion features which may have been unique among systems on Oahu (don't know if case) but is only known example still extant. Management Summary treats it separate from Waiahole Ditch but text elsewhere indicates it connects to and is part of the Waiahole Ditch system.
- 2. Revise throughout to indicate that both sites and features will be avoided and that SHPD shall be consulted should it not be possible to avoid one or more of them.
- 3. Revise throughout to indicate a project effect determination of "Effect, with agreed upon mitigation commitments." This is a private project. Indicate the agreed upon mitigation commitments are (1) avoidance of sites and features, (2) Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) documentation of Site ____, Features ____, and (3) Addendum to the Waihole Ditch Historic Context Study (citation) to include the sites and features in the current project area. If possible, we'd like the mill and pump shed added (recognize it is outside project area but is within UH property) as they are part of the ditch system complex.
- 4. Starting with Management Summary, please reassess significance of Site 2268. SHPD disagrees it is not significant as it has yielded information (criterion d). It is possible to then indicate it has been adequately documented or indicate it has potential to yield additional info that will be included in the addendum to the historic context study.
- 5. Figure 4. Please provide a revised scan as current is fuzzy with some letters missing/incomplete.
- 6. Figure 4. Please add this figure to summary/historic property description section w/overlay of the sites/features to illustrate proposed avoidance of the sites/features and interim protection buffers.
- 7. Page 6, 1.1., para 1. Indicate "...addressed within a report titled..."
- 8. Page 15. Pu'u 'o Kapolei has been nominated as a TCP (see Tanya Gumapac-McGuire for nomination information or Chris Monahan).
- 9. Page 19, Figure 10. If possible, provide a sharper scan of the map and label the trails. Caption indicates reader should view trail network.
- 10. Page 20, 3.1.3., para 1, last sentence. Possibly reword to ensure it doesn't convey that the project area comprises 43,230 acres, but rather her land comprised 43,250 acres and included all of the present project area.
- 11. Page 21, para 3. Is it the OR&L Ranch Department or the Ranch Department of the OR&L?
- 12. Page 22, para 1, last sentence. Reword. It says "the remnant portion" but probably should be "a remnant portion" unless it is the only remnant in the 'Ewa Plain. If it is the only known remnant than this should be indicated.

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Dear Dr. Alan Downer:

Thank you for the comments on our report. On behalf of AES Distributed Energy, Cultural Surveys Hawai'i (CSH) is submitting the attached revised draft *Archaeological Inventory Survey Report for the AES West O'ahu Solar Project, Honouliuli Ahupua'a, 'Ewa District, O'ahu, TMK: [1] 9-2-002:007 (por.)* (Welser et al. 2020) for your review.

This revised version of the report reflects the changes requested in your email correspondence from Dr. Susan Lebo of 20 December 2020 to address a previous draft of the report submitted on 6 February 2020 (LOG NO: 2020.00290). The revisions addressed are detailed in the attached table.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at (808) 262-9972 or toll free at 1-800-599-9962. You may also reach me by e-mail at dshideler@culturalsurveys.com.

Thank you,

David W. Shideler

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Revised Draft

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- Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) documentation of SIHP # 50-80-08-5593 Feature 2.
- Incorporation of the portion of SIHP # 50-80-09-2268 within the project area into an existing Addendum to the Waiahole Ditch Historic Context Study (Mason Architects, Inc. 2018).
- Data Recovery in the form of archaeological monitoring in the immediate vicinity of "Pump Camp 5." A monitoring plan in accordance with HAR § 13-279-4 will be prepared for review and accepted by SHPD.

Revised Draft

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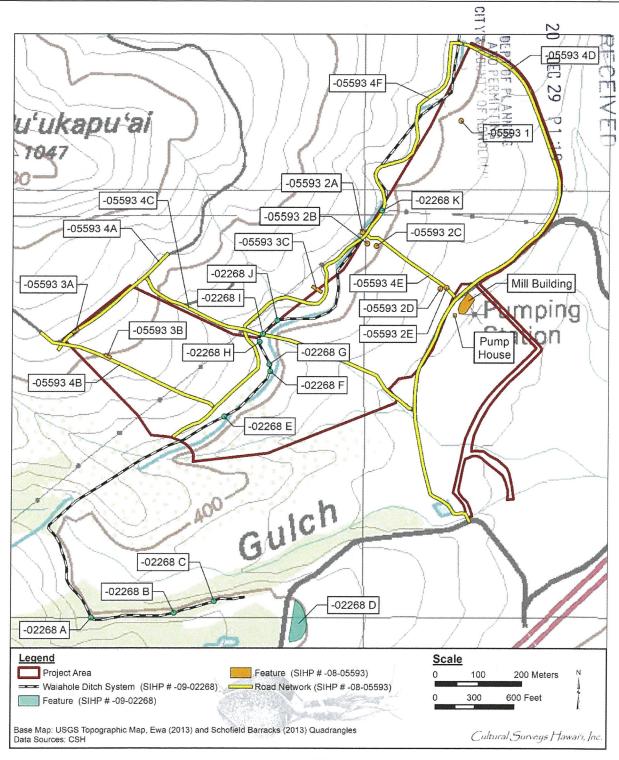


Figure 39. 2013 Ewa and Schofield Barracks USGS topographic quadrangles showing the historic properties identified during the AIS: SIHP # 50-80-08-2268 Feature E through Feature K (shown in green) and SIHP # 50-80-08-5593 Feature 1, Features 2A through 2E, and Features 3A through 3C (shown in orange) and SIHP # 50-80-08-5593 Features 4A through 4F shown in yellow; Features A through D of SIHP # -2268 identified in previous studies nearby the project area were included for reference

Appendix A SHPD Acceptance of the Dega

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION Kakuhihewa Building, Room 555 601 Karokila Boulevard Kapolei, Haweii 88707

February 3, 1999

Mr. Michael Dega, MA Scientific Consultant Services, Inc. 711 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 777 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Dega:

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Review of An Archaeological Inventory Survey of

the University of Hawai'i, West O'ahu Campus, District of 'Ewa, Island of O'ahu, Hawaii'i (1998 Dega et al.)

Honouliuli, 'Ewa, O'ahu

TMK: 9-2-002:001 por.; 9-2-004:005 por.

Thank you for the submittal of the replacement pages for the above report which completes the historic preservation review for this project. We can now conclude that the inventory survey was successfully executed. The report has been added to our library for public use.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Sara Collins at 692-8026 or Elaine Jourdane at 692-8027.

Aloha,

Don Hibbard, Administrator Historic Preservation Division

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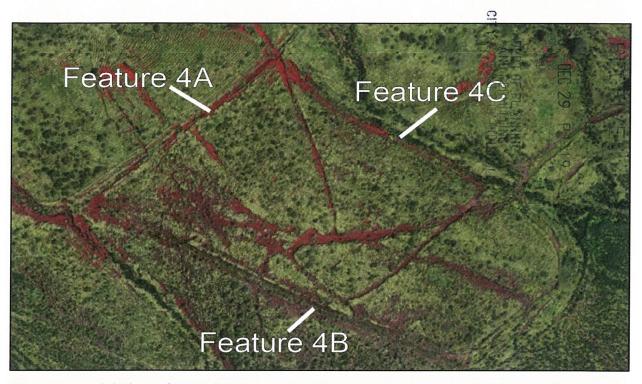


Figure 85. Aerial view of SIHP # 50-80-08-5593 Features 4A (top left), 4B (lower left), and 4C (upper center) (Google Earth 2020)



Figure 86. Overview of southern portion of SIHP # 50-80-08-5593 Feature 4D, view to northeast (Photo P; Figure 27)