

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission of the City and County of Honolulu:

PLACE: Remote Meeting and at Mission Memorial Auditorium, Mission Memorial Building,
550 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii
DATE: Wednesday, June 23, 2021
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

Pursuant to the Twentieth Proclamation issued by Governor David Ige on May 7, 2021, and Mayor Blangiardi's Emergency Order No. 2021-05, effective May 7, 2021 (Emergency Order), both relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, in order to allow public participation in a manner consistent with social distancing practices the following procedures are in effect for the meeting. In accordance with concern for public health and safety, the June 23, 2021 meeting will be held remotely. Commission members, City staff, agents/applicants and the public may participate in the public hearing via the online meeting venue (details below).

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing notice published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser on Monday, May 24, 2021.

EWA DISTRICT – STATE SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SUP) – 2020/SUP-7 (FK)
MAHI SOLAR, LLC

Applicant: Mahi Solar, LLC
Landowner: Monsanto Technology, LLC; Hartung Brothers Hawaii, LLC; Fat Law's Farm Inc.
Location: Various parcels on the mauka or Waianae side of Kunia Road beginning approximately 10,000 feet north-northwest of the intersection of Kunia Road and the H-1 Freeway, Honouliuli, Ewa
Tax Map Key: 9-2-001: 020 portion, 9-2-004: 003 portion, 9-2-004: 006 portion, 9-2-004: 010 portion, and 9-2-004: 012 portion
Existing Use: Diversified crops, cultivation of seed corn, fallow fields, open space
Existing Zoning: AG-1 Restricted Agricultural District
Area of SUP: Approximately 620.0 acres
Request: To construct a 120-megawatt (MW) solar energy generation facility (SEF), a 480-megawatt-hour (MWh) battery energy storage (BESS) facility to address peak energy demand, and accessory support infrastructure and uses.

The entire SUP application can be downloaded from: <https://bit.ly/397SEF0>.

This hearing is to be held under the provisions of Chapters 46, 92, and 205, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, Articles VI and XIII, Revised Charter of the City and County of Honolulu, 1973, as amended, Sections 2-40, 2-43 and 2-44 of the Rules of the Planning Commission, City and County of Honolulu, and Chapter 15-15 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules.

The particular sections of statutes and rules involved include Sections 205-2(d)(6)(B), 205-4.5(a)(20), and 205-4.5(a)(21) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, and Subchapter 4 of Chapter 2 and Section 2-45 of the Rules of the Planning Commission. The issue involved relates to whether to grant a Special Use Permit pursuant to Section 205-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for solar energy facilities on land with soil classified by the Land Study Bureau as overall master productivity rating Class B, C, D and E.

Any party may retain counsel if the party so desires, and an individual may appear on his own behalf, or a member of a partnership may represent the partnership, or an officer or authorized employee of a corporation or trust or association may represent the corporation, trust, or association.

Any person or agency wishing to intervene as a party in the proceeding shall file a petition with the Commission within fourteen (14) days after this notice is published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser. The petition must conform to the requirements of Subchapter 5, Chapter 2 of the Rules of the Planning Commission, which are available at the Department of Planning and Permitting. A contested case hearing may be held on the matter pursuant to action by the Planning Commission to grant the petition.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND TESTIMONY

The public may join the public hearing and offer testimony from a computer, smartphone, telephone, or in person as follows:

- **Join the public hearing from a computer: (Please mute your devices except to testify)**
<https://globalpage-prod.webex.com/join>
Meeting Number: 187 366 2973
Meeting Password: dpp1
- **Join the public hearing from the WebEx smartphone app: (Please mute your devices except to testify)**
Meeting Number: 187 366 2973
Meeting Password: dpp1
- **Join the public hearing from a telephone (audio only): (Please mute your devices except to testify. Press *6 to unmute and remote)**
408-418-9388 (USA Toll)
Access code: 187 366 2973
Numeric meeting password: 3771

- **Oral testimony via phone or Webex:** To provide oral testimony during the online meeting via phone or Webex, you must register in advance by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, by emailing your name, phone number, and subject matter to info@honoluluodpp.org
- **In-person attendance:** The City is exercising a good faith effort to provide this option only to members of the public who are unable to attend the meeting via phone or Webex. All in-person attendees and testifiers must wear a mask while on the Mission Memorial premises and must maintain six feet of distance between themselves and others or they will not be allowed in the Auditorium. (See Mayor’s Emergency Order 2021-05. Note: Subject to change.)

Attendance at the public hearing is not necessary to submit testimony. Written testimony may be (emailed) info@honoluluodpp.org, (faxed) 808-768-6743, or mailed to the Planning Commission at 650 South King Street, 7th Floor, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, and must be received by 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, **written testimony will not be accepted in person**, except as part of oral testimony. Written testimony must be emailed, faxed, or mailed in advance, as explained above.

MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Meeting materials (“*board packet*” under HRS Section 92-7.5) are available for public inspection at the office of the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), 7th Floor, Frank Fasi Municipal Building, 650 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813; contacting the Planning Commission, telephone 768-8007; or DPP’s website calendar at <http://www.honoluluodpp.org/calendar.aspx>.

If you require special assistance, auxiliary aid and/or service to participate in this event (i.e., sign language interpreter, interpreter for language other than English, or wheelchair accessibility), please call 768-8000, or email your request to info@honoluluodpp.org at least three business days prior to the event.

PLANNING COMMISSION
BRIAN LEE, Chair
By DEAN UCHIDA, Director
Department of Planning and Permitting

(Honolulu Star-Advertiser: Monday, May 24, 2021)