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Apr 25, 2022

County of Hawaii
Planning Department
Attention: Mr. Christian Kay
101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

via email: planning@hawaiicounty.gov

Dear Mr. Kay:

SUBJECT: Special Permit Application (PL-SPP-2022-000012) – Request to Establish a Quarry and Related Activities located at Waiakea, South Hilo, Island of Hawaii; TMK: (3) 2-1-013:002 (por.) on behalf of **Yamada and Sons, Inc.**

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the subject matter. In addition to our previous comments dated April 21, 2022, enclosed are comments from the Division of Forestry & Wildlife on the subject matter. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Darlene Nakamura at (808) 587-0417 or email: darlene.k.nakamura@hawaii.gov. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Russell Tsuji

Russell Y. Tsuji
Land Administrator

Enclosures
cc: Central Files



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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Mar 31, 2022

MEMORANDUM

TO:

DLNR Agencies:

- Div. of Aquatic Resources
- Div. of Boating & Ocean Recreation
- Engineering Division (DLNR.ENGR@hawaii.gov)
- Div. of Forestry & Wildlife (rubyrosa.t.terrago@hawaii.gov)
- Div. of State Parks
- Commission on Water Resource Management (DLNR.CWRM@hawaii.gov)
- Office of Conservation & Coastal Lands
- Land Division – Hawaii District (gordon.c.heit@hawaii.gov)

FROM:

Russell Y. Tsuji, Land Administrator *Russell Tsuji*

SUBJECT:

Special Permit Application (PL-SPP-2022-000012) – Request to Establish a Quarry and Related Activities

LOCATION:

Waiakea, South Hilo, Island of Hawaii; TMK: (3) 2-1-013: 002 (por.)

APPLICANT:

County of Hawaii on behalf of **Yamada and Sons, Inc.**

Transmitted for your review and comment is information on the above-referenced subject matter. Please submit comments by **April 20, 2022**.

If no response is received by the above date, we will assume your agency has no comments. Should you have any questions about this request, please contact Darlene Nakamura at darlene.k.nakamura@hawaii.gov. Thank you.

BRIEF COMMENTS:

- () We have no objections.
- () We have no comments.
- () We have no additional comments.
- Comments are included/attached.

Signed:

Print Name:

DAVID G. SMITH, Administrator

Division:

Division of Forestry and Wildlife

Date:

Apr 24, 2022

Attachments

cc: Central Files



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
1151 PUNCHBOWL STREET, ROOM 325
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 22, 2022

MEMORANDUM

Log no. 3612

TO: RUSSELL Y. TSUJI, Land Administrator
Land Division

FROM: DAVID G. SMITH, Administrator
Division of Forestry and Wildlife

SUBJECT: Division of Forestry and Wildlife Comments for the Special Permit Application to Establish a Quarry and Related Activities on Hawai'i Island

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) has received your request for comments regarding the Special Permit Application (PL-SPP-2022-000012) for a state property located at Waiākea, South Hilo, on the island of Hawai'i; TMK: (3) 2-1-013: 002 (por.). The proposed project consists of developing a 37.882-acre portion of a parcel for use as a rock quarry, that is adjacent to existing quarries, to allow for the manufacture of engineered products, including base course, and components of hot mix asphalt and concrete. The proposed quarrying activities would be identical in nature to the ongoing quarrying activities located on adjacent parcels that involve rock excavation with heavy equipment when possible, and when impenetrable rock is encountered, drilling and blasting would be performed.

We appreciate and concur with mitigation measures included in the Final Environmental Assessment intended to avoid construction and operational impacts to State-listed species including the Hawaiian Hoary bat or 'Ōpe'ape'a (*Lasiurus cinereus semotus*), Hawaiian Hawk or 'Io (*Buteo solitarius*), and seabirds. For illustrations and further guidance related to seabird-friendly light styles that also protect the dark, starry skies of Hawai'i please visit <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/wildlife/files/2016/03/DOC439.pdf>. We also appreciate the measures outlined to minimize the movement of plant and soil material to prevent the spread of invasive species including mitigation protocols targeting Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death. DOFAW provides the following additional comments regarding the potential for the proposed work to affect listed species in the vicinity of the project area.

The State listed Hawaiian Goose or Nēnē (*Branta sandvicensis*) has the potential to occur in the vicinity of the proposed project site. It is against State law to harm or harass this species. If any are present during construction activities, then all activities within 100 feet (30 meters) should cease, and the bird should not be approached. Work may continue after the bird leaves the area of

its own accord. If a nest is discovered at any point, please contact the Hawai'i Island Branch DOFAW Office at (808) 974-4221.

We appreciate your efforts to work with our office for the conservation of our native species. Should the scope of the project change significantly, or should it become apparent that threatened or endangered species may be impacted, please contact our staff as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Radley, Protected Species Habitat Conservation Planning Coordinator at (808) 295-1123 or paul.m.radley@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,



DAVID G. SMITH
Administrator