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SUBJECT: Second Environmental Impact Preparation Notice Comments
A19-807 KSBE Sanford Quarry
Kauaea Ahupua'a, Puna District, Island of Hawai'i TMK (3) 1-3-009:005

Dear Mr. McKeague:

Thank you for providing the State of Hawai'i Land Use Commission ("LUC" or "Commission") with the Second Environmental Impact Preparation Notice ("EISPN") for Sanford's Service Center, Leilani Quarry Kauaea Ahupua'a, Puna District, Island of Hawai'i TMK (3) 1-3-009:005 (LUC Docket No. 19-807). LUC Staff has reviewed the EISPN and has the following questions and comments:

1.1 Project Description

Land Use Commission staff suggest including expected lifespan of mining operations within the Petition Area, as it would be beneficial during the Future District Boundary Amendment and Future Special Permit petitions. Additionally, please include any information on ancillary buildings required for mining operations.

3.0 Existing Conditions and Potential Impacts

In section 3.0 Existing Conditions and Potential Impacts, please include more information on the preexisting uses and structures within the Petition Area. As mentioned in section 1.0 Introduction, the Future District Boundary Amendment and Future Special Permit will provide improved land use conformance, which alludes to current use, and examining aerial imagery on figure maps it appears there is existing ground disturbance in the Petition Area.

Additionally, the EISPN mentions that the Petition Area is accessed by a private road that extends from Pahoia-Kalapana Road (State Route 130), crossing two privately-owned parcels. It should be noted that during the Special Permit proceedings the acreage if this road should be included, along with the other landowners' authorization and acknowledgement of inclusion.

Additional Map

Please provide an additional map that delineates and provides the acreage of the current area of use, and expansion area.

3.2 Hydrology and Water Resources

In section 3.2 Hydrology and Water Resources, the EISPN mentions that the mining and quarry activities do not require water, however, if there are any ancillary buildings, please include the information for water requirements.

3.3 Biological Resources

Section 3.2 Biological Resources and the various included studies indicate the Petition Area contains species listed as endangered, threatened, or proposed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and/or The Department of Land and Natural Resources. Land Use Commission Staff would like to note that in 2022, the Commission heard a Special Permit Petition for a similar land use, in an area with similar endangered/ threatened species, conditions were imposed in order to mitigate the potential impacts to the species. One of which was to protect 'ōhi'a trees from Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death adjacent to and on the subject property. An additional part of the condition was to make any 'ōhi'a trees that are not infested but need to be removed, that the wood may be available for cultural use.

3.8 Historic and Cultural Resources

Land Use Commission Staff looks forward to the clearly labeled section in the Historic and Cultural Resource section that differentiates and articulates the Ka Pa'akai Analysis.

Place Name

In March 4, 2021, The Hawai'i Board on Geographic Names approved an official title for Fissure 8; Ahu'ailā'au.

Should you have any questions, please contact our office at (808) 587-3822 or via email at dbedt.luc.web@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,



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