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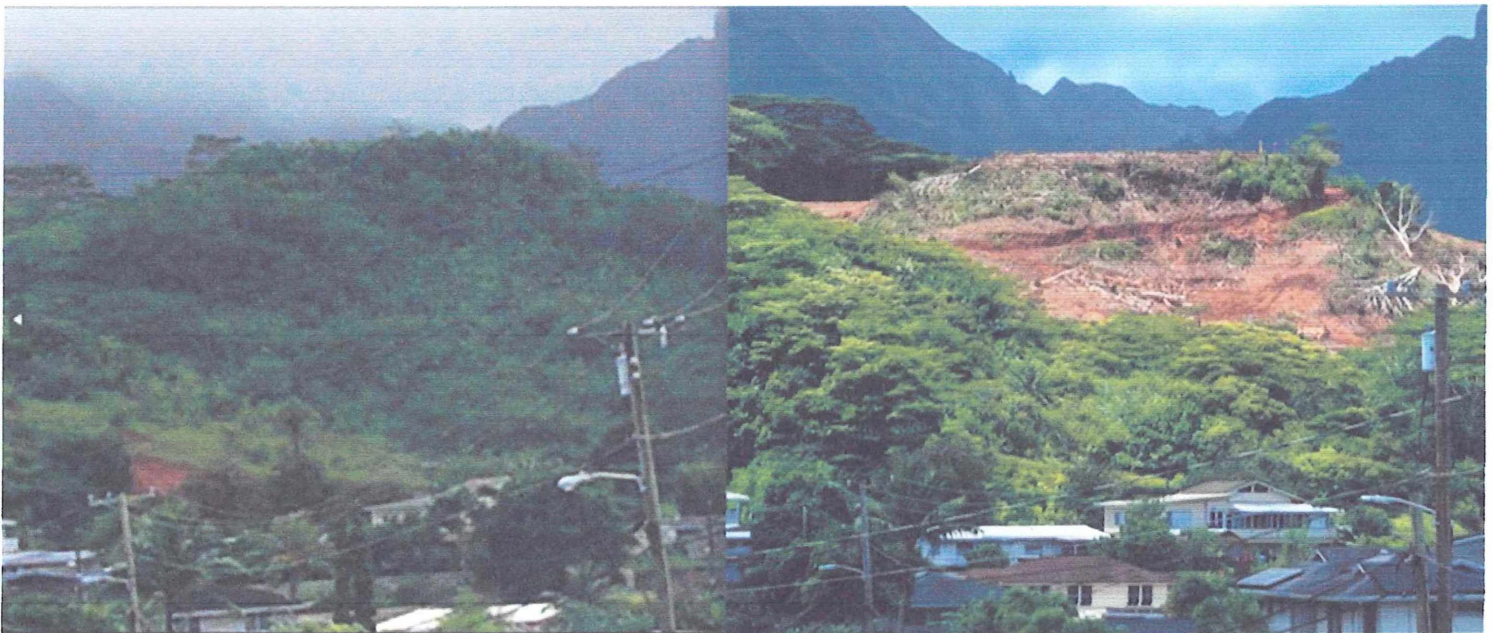
Dear Mr. Orodener:

The Intervenor's thank the Commission for helping facilitate the compliance with A17-804 Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan's Decision and Order #2. We also thank the Petitioner for providing the requested grading permit application information.

We have concerns stemming from the newly shared documents, as well as stemming from the Petitioner's recent forest clearing.

Forrest Clearing

The Petitioner began extensive "Tree Clearing activities" on April 14, which "utilize heavy equipment such as excavators". They stated that "This action is not considered ground disturbing by the City and County of Honolulu." This clearing is exposing a lot of soil (photo below as of 5/17 showing only a portion of the forest clearing).



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Questions we have:

- Can Petitioner design for additional on-site water retention beyond the LUC's requested MINIMUM (per Finding of Fact 273)?

Mr. Higham has reviewed the Petitioner's newly-shared design documents and has submitted some suggestions to Coffman Engineers. He strongly recommends increasing the amount of water being retained on the property above the currently LUC-mandated MINIMUM of 10-year 24-hour event. He cited several recent Hawaii cases where drainage systems have been overloaded, resulting in catastrophic consequences.

- Should the sediment traps be built OUTSIDE the 150' residential buffer?

Finding of Fact #317 states that the KPSCP requires "a buffer of 150 feet from nearby residential property lines"

The design documents show two of the proposed Sediment Traps designed *IN* the required 150' buffer between the development and residential properties.

Should the sediment traps be OUTSIDE the buffer to comply with FF #317?

- When will the LUC-mandated erosion and sedimentation control improvements be installed to manage excess runoff from the forest clearing?

Decision and Order Condition #6, states "Petitioner, shall at the start of construction, install erosion and sediment controls and retention/detention basis ****prior to the clearing**** and grubbing of the site" [emphasis added]

There is no evidence, or communication of erosion and sedimentation control being done.

We are very concerned that this violation will risk flooding to our neighborhood – especially given the upcoming hurricane season.

- When is the Grading Permit approval expected?

If the approval is delayed, there will be nothing to capture soil erosion until the application is approved and construction begins. The October 2024 Annual Status report said the projected Grading Permit Approval date was February 2025, which has passed.

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- What is the projected start of the development?

If sedimentation control is dependent on project-start, when will construction begin?
The October 2024 Annual Status report said the projected construction start date is April 2025, which has passed.

- Can there be more community communication beyond a blog post to www.hmpfacts.com?

Condition No. 15 requires Community Outreach. However, my neighbors and I have not received any communication regarding the project description nor timelines.

Many in the neighborhood and community are unaware of the project; asking me things like: "what are they doing?", "what's being built?", "how big will the development be?", "Is it a landslide?", "when is it going to be done?", "did they get approval for that?"

The October 2024 Annual Status report states that the Petitioner did a mailing in March of 2022. Since then, we have only seen two postings on a SUB-page of HMPFacts.com.

We are hoping that the Petitioner can provide a response to our questions either through an Interim Annual Report or via the scheduled Status Hearing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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