



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HONOLULU DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
FORT SHAFTER, HAWAII 96858-5440

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SUBJECT: Section 106 Initial Consultation Request for Kalihiwai Ridge Community Association, Kalihiwai Dam Decommissioning, Kilauea, Island of Kauai, Hawaii, Department of the Army File No. POH-2020-00098

Aha Moku Advisory Committee - Manokalanipo
Attention: Lewellyn "Billy" Kaohelauii
Post Office Box 412
Kalauea, HI 96754

Dear Mr. Kaohelauii:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District (Corps), has received an application for the proposed Kalihiwai Reservoir Decommissioning Project located at Tax Map Key (5)5-2-022:003, Kalihiwai, Island of Kauai, Hawaii (22.186232°, -159.432993°). Please reference Department of the Army (DA) file number POH-2020-00098 in any future correspondence related to this permit.

The proposed project would affect waters of the U.S., and therefore requires a Department of Army (DA) permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The purpose of this letter is to seek your input on potential project-related impacts to cultural resources and appropriate avoidance, minimization and mitigative measures for those impacts in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106).

Undertaking. The Corps regulations at 33 CFR 325, Appendix C (1)(f) and the Corps Revised Interim Guidance (2005) define the "*undertaking*" as the work, structure or discharge that requires a DA permit. Accordingly, the Corps defines the undertaking for the proposed action that includes the following activities in waters of the U.S.: the drawing down of water within the Kalihiwai Reservoir, breaching the existing dam, stabilizing the breach with concrete to ensure long term stability, recontouring what is currently the bottom area of the reservoir to establish natural flow patterns, and then revegetating the area to prevent erosion and to return it to a natural state, all work would be performed in accordance with the attached project plans (Enclosure 1).

The permit area, as defined at 33 CFR 325, Appendix C (1)(g), for the subject project includes staging area, routes access work areas, and work areas occurring in uplands which are directly associated, integrally related, and would not occur but for the in-water authorized activity. Accordingly, the permit area encompasses such activities occurring in waters of the U.S. and uplands that will be directly affected by the proposed undertaking or that would be directly affected as a result of authorizing the proposed

undertaking. The boundaries of the Corps' defined permit area are shown as the Area of Disturbance depicted as the orange line on Sheet 3 of the project plans.

The Corps has evaluated the potential effect authorization of the proposed undertaking would have on historic properties within and near the permit area. The Corps consulted administrative records and (data from) the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), the local historic register and information submitted with the applicant's permit application to identify historic properties that could be affected by the proposed undertaking. Based on an initial review of the above resources, the Corps has identified the Kalihiwai Reservoir as historic property.

The Corps requests your assistance with identifying additional resources of traditional religious and cultural importance to Native Hawaiians or Native Hawaiian Organizations and potential effects to such cultural resources from the undertaking not yet considered by the Corps. The Corps has also solicited input from the following Native Hawaiian Organizations to assist in identifying cultural resources and potential avoidance, minimization and mitigative measures to assist in the Corps assessment of impacts under Section 106: the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Aha Malama, Corp.; 'Āina Momona; Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, E Ola Kākou Hawai'i, Hale Mua Cultural Group, Historic Hawai'i Foundation; Honua Consulting, LLC; Hua Nani Impact; Kamehameha Schools; Kanu o ka 'Āina Learning 'Ohana; Kawaileo Law, A Limited Liability Law Company; Ko'olau Foundation; Mahamoku Ohana Council; Na Koa Ikaika Ka Lahui Hawaii; and Nā Kuleana o Kānaka 'Ōiwi.

Please submit your written comments to this office no later than 30 days from the date of this letter. If no response is received within the 30-day period, the Corps will conclude that you have no comments. Comments may be mailed to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu District
Attn: Joshua Moffi
230 Otake Street, CEPOH-RO
Fort Shafter, HI 96858-5440

Alternatively, comments may be submitted to me at (808) 835-4309 or via e-mail to Joshua.H.Moffi@usace.army.mil with the reference file number as the subject title. If you have any questions or desire additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Joshua Moffi
Project Manager,
Regulatory Branch

Enclosures

Encl 1 – POH-2020-00098_Project Plans

cc: Andy Lynch, Gannett Fleming

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Community Association proposed Kalihiwai Reservoir Decommissioning
Project, POH-2020-00098
Attachments: [POH-2020-00098_20250711_Aha Moku Advisory Committee letter.pdf](#); [POH-2020-00098_Project Plans.pdf](#)

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Aloha,

Please find attached the Native Hawaiian Organization Consultation Request Letter from the Army Corps of Engineers, Honolulu Division, Regulatory branch for Kalihiwai Ridge Community Association proposed Kalihiwai Reservoir Decommissioning Project, POH-2020-00098. Please refer to this project number in all future correspondence.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns about anything related to your permit or to the Department of Army permitting process. You can reach me by phone at 808.835.4309 or via email at Joshua.H.Moffi@usace.army.mil.

Mahalo,
Josh Moffi



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