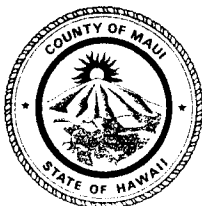


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COUNTY OF MAUI

April 14, 2016

Honorable Alan M. Arakawa  
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For Transmittal to:

Honorable Don S. Guzman  
Chair, Economic Development, Energy  
Agriculture, and Recreation Committee  
Maui County Council  
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Dear Chair Guzman:

**SUBJECT: MOKU'ULA ISLAND AND MOKUHINIA POND  
(LAHAINA) (EAR-43)**

This is in response to your letter dated March 7, 2016, requesting a timeline of expected work on the project, including details of the tasks to be completed and anticipated dates of significant benchmarks.

The archaeological inventory survey (AIS) is underway for the Mokuhinia Ecosystem Restoration Project. Following the AIS, a data recovery plan for a portion of Moku'ula is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2017. Below is the timeline to complete these items:

**Archaeological Inventory Survey**

An archaeological inventory survey is currently being completed under a County of Maui contract with Cultural Surveys Hawaii (CSH). The field work phase of the AIS began last spring and was stopped to allow for permitting and installation of additional fencing. The fencing was necessary to minimize disturbances to the archaeological features previously discovered and anticipated to be discovered during the AIS field work. Field work re-commenced this March

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<u>End of May 2016:</u>	Completion of AIS field work by CSH
<u>June-August 2016:</u>	CSH to prepare the Draft AIS Report
<u>End August 2016:</u>	CSH to submit Draft AIS Report to the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD)
<u>September 2016:</u>	30-day public comment period
<u>Early September 2016:</u>	CSH to hold a Community Meeting to explain the findings and recommendations of the Draft AIS
<u>Mid-Late October 2016:</u>	SHPD to issue review letter on Draft AIS
<u>November 2016:</u>	CSH to prepare Final AIS Report
<u>End November 2016:</u>	CSH to submit Final AIS Report for SHPD approval

Following the acceptance of the Final AIS Report by SHPD, it is anticipated that the County of Maui and the U.S. Corps of Engineers will determine whether or not to proceed with the Mokuhinia Ecosystem Restoration Project. Regardless of the decision, the next task is to complete an archaeological data recovery plan.

### **Archaeological Data Recovery Plan**

It is our understanding that the Friends of Moku'ula has contracted with an archaeologist, Ms. Theresa Donham, to prepare a data recovery plan. We estimate that the data recovery plan will be completed and submitted to SHPD in mid 2017. Following submittal, there is a 30-day public comment period. SHPD has 15 days following the close of the public comment period to issue their review letter which could possibly take place before the end of 2017. The next step following the acceptance of the data recovery plan by SHPD is for the project to proceed to data recovery field work.

Until we have a better understanding of the details of the data recovery plan, it would be premature to develop a timeline for the data recovery field work. Also, commencement of the data recovery field work will be dependent on the availability of funding and persons who are knowledgeable in this type of archaeological reconstruction.

Should you have any questions, please contact Wendy Taomoto, County Capital Improvement Program Coordinator at ext. 6258.

Sincerely,



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Managing Director

cc: Wendy Taomoto, Department of Management