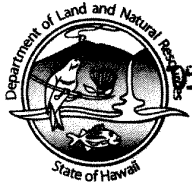


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Memorandum

To: Daniel Quinn, Administrator
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From: Melanie Chinen, Administrator
State Historic Preservation Division

Subject: Chapter 6E-8, HRS — Review of the Proposed
Lease of Recreation Residences at
Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks,
Waimea, Waimea District, Kaua`i
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Thank you for your memorandum dated May 31, 2005, requesting our concurrence with your determination of "effect with proposed mitigation commitments" for the proposed 2007 issuing of new leases for the recreation residences at Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks. Approximately 81% of these residences are over 50 years old and are therefore potentially significant historic properties. You also request we concur with your finding that the recreation residences are collectively significant as a historic district and your proposed mitigation commitments. Included with your determination submittal was an architectural inventory report entitled *A History and Architectural Inventory of the Koke`e Camps and Pu`u ka Pele Lots, Kaua`i, Hawai`i* (Duesing June 2003). You asked that we review the adequacy of this inventory for the purpose of complying with §13-275-5(e).

On March 15, 2005, our Architectural Historian, Thomas Lim, inspected a representative sample of recreation residences at Koke`e and Waimea Canyon State Parks to assess their historic significance. As part of this process and in preparation for the field inspection, he reviewed Ms. Duensing's architectural inventory report and information on the recreation residences presented in the Building inventory prepared by R.M. Towill (Appendix G, Draft Master Plan). He found that her historic integrity ratings (i.e., 1 through 5) and assessments of eligibility as contributing properties to a historic district were justified and replicable. Based on his review of the report and the field inspection, we agree that Ms. Duensing's inventory survey meets the requirements for architectural inventory surveys established by §13-275. Information presented is of sufficient quality to complete a National Register of Historic Places nomination form and to provide an adequate basis for making historic preservation decisions. We also agree that Ms. Duensing is a qualified historian who meets the qualifications set forth in chapter 13-281, HAR.

We also concur with your finding, as discussed in your May 31, 2005 memorandum, that the recreation residences are collectively significant as a historic district. We agree with your application of the significance criteria and with the rationale for proposing a discontinuous historic

district. The proposed district boundaries appear reasonable in concept. The specific boundaries may change slightly if new information suggests either the inclusion or omission of particular areas. We also agree that Ms. Duensing's identification of contributing residences to this district is adequate with the understanding that a small number of designations are ambiguous and may change with additional information.

We agree that preservation is the appropriate mitigation commitment for the lease of recreation residences located within the proposed historic district. The specific measures outlined for your proposed preservation plan would, if implemented appropriately, mitigate the potential effects of the 2007 lease agreements on these historic buildings. We agree in concept that the preservation plan should include preparing design standards, establishing a design review committee, identifying procedural steps required prior to repairing or altering residences within the historic district, and including adherence to the design standards and review procedures as binding conditions in the lease agreement. We look forward to reviewing the sections of the proposed preservation plan as they are developed, and any comments you may receive from the public.

Thank you for opportunity to review this matter and for requesting our concurrence in these matters. Should you have any questions regarding our concurrence please call Thomas Lim at 692-8030.