Meeting of the Board of Directors

Held via Teleconference

May 18, 2022
9:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

C. Approval of Minutes
   1. None

D. New Business
   1. Presentation by University of Hawaii Community Design Center Regarding the Whitmore Food Hub.
   2. Request for Approval to Issue a Request for Proposals to Construct and Operate a High Pressure Processing Machine and Agricultural Facilities in the Whitmore Food Hub, Wahiawa, Oahu
   3. Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. S-6814 Issued to Ronald P. Weidenbach dba Hawaii Fish Company for 18 Acres, More or Less, in Kaena, Waialua, Oahu, Tax Map Key (1) 6-9-001:003, :033 (por)
   4. Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. RP17-01 Issued to Andros Engineering Corporation for 132.25 Square Feet, More or Less, in Whitmore Village, Oahu, Tax Map Key (1) 7-1-002:004 (por)
   5. Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. RP20-02 Issued to Kelena Farms Inc. for 345.38 Acres in Waialua, Oahu, Tax Map Key (1) 6-5-002:011, :006, :008, (1) 6-5-001:046
   6. Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. RP20-01 Issued to Ho Farms LLC for 57.296 Acres at Galbraith, Oahu, Tax Map Key (1) 7-1-012:001 (por)
   7. Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. RP-W257-21-02 Issued to The Davey Tree Expert Company and Davey Tree Surgery Company for 21,392.7 Square Feet, More or Less, in Whitmore Village, Oahu, Tax Map Key (1) 7-1-002:004 (por)
   8. Request for Authorization to Seek an Opinion from the Department of the Attorney General Concerning Legal Issues Pertaining to Kekaha Agriculture Association’s IAL Petition

E. Old Business
   1. None

F. Executive Director’s Update

G. Adjourn
The Board may go into Executive Session pursuant to exceptions provided under Section 92-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), including to consult with the Board’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities, pursuant to Section 92-5(4), HRS.”

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May 18, 2022

Subject: Request for Approval to Issue a Request for Proposal to Construct and Operate a High-Pressure Processing Machine and Agricultural Facilities in the Whitmore Food Hub, Wahiawa, Oahu

Applicant: N/A

Authority: Section 163D-4(a)(5), Hawaii Revised Statutes

Area: Island of Oahu

Tax Map Key: N/A

Land Status: N/A

Trust Land Status: N/A

Character of Use: Processing Facility

Contract Term: TBD

BACKGROUND:

The State of Hawaii Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) seeks to solicit proposals to construct, operate and maintain a high-pressure processing (HPP) machine and agricultural facilities situated within the Whitmore Food Hub in Wahiawa, Oahu.

This request seeks to bring High Pressure Processing (HPP) technology to Hawaii for use by farmers and other food producers. Local farmers and food producers face challenges of: 1) delivery and shipping logistics, and 2) the limited shelf-life of Hawaii-made value-added food products. Addressing this challenge will immensely increase the economic development opportunities for Hawaii’s agricultural and “value-added” industries.

HPP is a non-thermal technology that pasteurizes and preserves food, thereby extending the shelf-life of food products from several weeks up to months, without compromising overall food quality. It enables farmers and value-added processors to scale distribution and exports with non-thermal technology to preserve and pasteurize food products without compromising overall food quality and food safety. HPP machines
can process a wide variety of foods, including fruits, vegetables, meats and seafoods. It can deliver ready-to-eat meals, ready-to-cook meats, juices, soups, sauces, dips, and dairy-based products.

It is a proven, growing technology used extensively on the mainland, but so far, not available locally. High start-up costs make it difficult for the private sector to take on this investment.

Accordingly, the State is creating a “food hub”, that establishes HPP center at its core, with supportive facilities including cold storage and distribution capabilities. It will be located in Central Oahu within the Whitmore Food Hub (Tax Map Key numbers. (1) 7-1-002:009 and (1) 7-1-002:004. At full build out, The Food Hub will also include offices, additional warehousing, and workforce housing.

ADC is awarding up to Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($5,500,000) for the purchase, delivery, and installation of said machine(s), as well as hiring technical expertise, staff training, and project support. The funding was provided by the State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to progress the state’s agricultural post-production capacity to support local demand and scalability of value-added exports.

ADC will own the machine(s); however, it will be purchased, installed, and maintained by the selected Offeror. The selected Offeror will be responsible for providing materials and labor for operating and maintaining the HPP machine(s), as well as the food processing hub complex. It will establish user fees, as approved by ADC. The selected Offeror will also be responsible for obtaining all required land use entitlements, government approvals, and permits, and operating the HPP machine on behalf of the State for a minimum of seven years. In consideration of the Offeror’s services and the Offeror’s proposed rent schedule, the ADC will provide the selected Offeror with funding for the HPP machine and a ground lease for up to 553,778 square feet (12.3 acres) within the Whitmore Food Hub.

The ADC’s evaluation committee, comprised of at least three (3) qualified state employees, will evaluate the proposals and select the Offeror whose proposal best meets ADC’s objectives and the RFP selection criteria.

REQUEST:

Pursuant to Chapter 163D-4(8), authorize the Executive Director to issue a Request for Proposal (see “Exhibit A”) to purchase and operate a high-pressure processing machine and develop and manage a food processing facility in Wahiawa, Oahu.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based upon the above, the recommendation is to approve the request to issue a Request for Proposal to construct and operate a HPP machine and agricultural facilities and authorize the Executive Director to negotiate and enter into a public private partnership subject to the following conditions:
1) ADC will provide up to $5.5 million to acquire at least one, possibly two HPP machine, and installation of said equipment, as well as project support;

2) The term of the Contract shall be for a minimum 7 years, with the option to extend;

3) ADC shall own the equipment throughout its usable life and the Offeror shall be responsible for operating and maintaining the HPP machine and facility for a minimum of 7 years;

4) ADC shall receive, at minimum, a fee equivalent to 1% of any gross sales over the first $1 million of gross sales generated by the HPP machine operations; and

5) In consideration of the Offerors services, the ADC will provide the Offeror a lease for up to 553,778 square feet (12.3 acres) within the Whitmore Food Hub for the development of agricultural facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Nakatani
Executive Director
May 18, 2022

Subject: Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. S-6814
Issued to Ronald P. Weidenbach dba Hawaii Fish Company for 18
Acres, More or Less, in Kaena, Waialua, Oahu, Tax Map Key (1) 6-9-001:003, :033

Permittee: Ronald P. Weidenbach dba Hawaii Fish Company

Authority: Section 163D-4(a)(5), Hawaii Revised Statutes

Area: 18 acres, more or less

Field No(s.): Undesignated

Tax Map Key: (1) 6-9-001:003; :033

Land Status: Set aside by the Governor’s Executive Order No. 4474 to the
Agribusiness Development Corporation for Agricultural Purposes

Trust Land Status: Section ___ lands of the Hawaii Admission Act

Yes ___ No X

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State
Constitution? Yes ___ No X

Character of Use: Aquaculture

Land Doc. Type: Revocable Permit

Term: Month-to-month (renews annually)

Rental Rate: $100 per month per year
Annual Rent: $1,200

BACKGROUND:

On August 27, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Agribusiness Development Corporation
(“ADC”) voted to approve the acceptance of 147 acres, more or less, (the “Property”) (see
“Exhibit A”) which include the above-referenced TMKs, among others, near Mokuleia from
the Department of Land and Natural Resources (“DLNR”). The land was transferred to the
ADC via Governor’s Executive Order No. 4474 dated November 24, 2014 (“EO 4474”).
Included in the transfer was one tenant, Ronald P. Weidenbach dba Hawaii Fish Company ("Permittee"), under DLNR Revocable Permit No. S-6814 (see “Exhibit B”) (the “Permit”) for 18 acres, more or less, for purposes of general aquaculture (the “Premises”). Included in the 18 acres was a 7-acre pond. In May 2015, Permittee submitted a proposal to ADC for a long-term license for the 18 acres as well as an additional 77 acres, totaling 95 acres to develop an integrated aqua-farm. Instead of a license, at their meeting on May 27, 2015, the ADC Board approved the issuance of a Revocable Permit to Permittee for the 18 acres, including the 7-acre pond, pending negotiations of the terms of an eventual license. Unfortunately, ADC and Permittee were unable to agree to license terms. ADC maintained an interest in the makai lands, as well as a portion of the pond to promote other aquacultural interests; Permittee maintained their request for exclusive use of all usable lands and the pond to establish their aqua-farm. Subsequent negotiations were intractable and unproductive. In fact, Permittee has even refused to sign the ADC Revocable Permit and has been operating on holdover status under the Permit.

At their meeting on April 28, 2021, the Board of the Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) voted to approve the withdrawal of EO 4474 and re-set aside the property to the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (“HDOA”) who has expressed interest in managing the Property, along with DLNR’s Division of Forestry and Wildlife for a Game Management Area. At their meeting on April 22, 2022, the DLNR board approved the withdrawal of EO 4474 and the re-set aside of the Property to the HDOA. Until the Governor’s office withdraws EO 4474, the Property and the Permittee remain under the control and management of ADC.

**LAND REQUEST:**

To approve the annual renewal of the Permit for one year, or until EO 4474 is withdrawn and re-set aside to the HDOA, whichever may be sooner.

**WATER NEEDS AND SOURCE OF WATER:**

The Premises include a 7-acre pond which the Permittee utilizes for fish stock production. Additional water is provided by an 8” well located on-site.

**OPERATIONAL PLAN:**

Permittee conducts aquaculture operations on-site for sale to local markets.

**CONSERVATION PLAN:**

There is no conservation plan on file.

**DISCUSSION:**

The subject property has been approved to be re-set aside from ADC to HDOA as approved by DLNR. Until such time as the Governor issues an executive order
formalizing the transfer, the property and tenant remain under the management and control of ADC.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the foregoing, staff recommends that the Board approve the land request noted above, subject to the following conditions:

1. The renewal term shall commence on June 1, 2022 and shall expire on May 31, 2023 or at such time as EO 4474 shall be withdrawn and the Property re-set aside to the HDOA, whichever shall sooner occur; and

2. All other terms and conditions of the Permit shall remain unchanged.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Nakatani
Executive Director
EXHIBIT A
EXHIBIT B

Revocable Permit No. S-6814

[see following pages]
STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF LAND MANAGEMENT

REVOCABLE PERMIT NO. 8-6814

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT, effective the 1st day of June, 1992,

RONALD P. WEIDENBACH dba HAWAII FISH COMPANY
hereafter called the "PERMITTEE", whose business and mailing
address is 68-059 B Waialua Beach Road, Waialua, Hawaii 96791.
is permitted to enter and occupy, on a month-to-month basis
only, that certain parcel of Government land (and any
improvements located thereupon) situate at Kaena, Waialua,
Oahu, TMK: 6-9-01:3 and 33

as indicated on the map attached hereto, if any, and made a
part hereof, containing an approximate area of 18 acres:

which parcel is hereinafter referred to as the
"Premises".

THIS PERMIT IS GRANTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A. The Permittee shall:

1. Occupy and use the Premises for the following
specified purposes only:

   Aquaculture Purposes

2. Pay, at the Office of the Department of Land and
Natural Resources, Honolulu, Oahu, or at the Office
of its Land Agent on the Island where the Premises
are located, the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS
($100.00) being rental due and payable on the first
day of each and every month commencing June 1, 1992.

The interest rate on any and all unpaid or delinquent
rentals shall be at one per cent (1%) per month plus
a service charge of FIFTY AND NO/100 DOLLARS ($50.00)
per month for each month of delinquency.

3. Upon execution of this Permit, deposit with the Board
of Land and Natural Resources, hereinafter called the
"Board", the sum of $200.00

as security for the faithful performance of all of
these terms and conditions. The whole or portion of
the deposit will be returned to the Permittee upon
termination of this Permit, but only after all of the
terms and conditions of this Permit have been
observed and performed to the satisfaction of the
representatives of the Department of Land and Natural
Resources.

4. At the Permittee's own cost and expense, keep the
government-owned improvements located on the Premises
insured against loss by fire and other hazards,
casualties and contingencies, for the full insurable
value of those improvements. The policies shall name
the State of Hawaii as an additional insured and
shall be filed with the Board. In the event of loss,
damage, or destruction of those improvements, the
Board shall retain from the proceeds of the policies
those amounts it deems necessary to cover the loss,
damage, or destruction of the government-owned
improvements and the balance of those proceeds, if
any, shall be delivered to the Permittee.

5. Give the Board twenty-five (25) days notice, in
writing, before vacating the Premises.

6. If a holdover lessee or licensee, pay all real
property taxes, which shall be assessed against the
Premises from the date of this Permit. In addition,
a Permittee, not a holdover lessee or licensee, who
has occupied the Premises for commercial purposes for
a continued period of one year or more, shall pay the
real property taxes assessed against the Premises
after the first year of the Permit as provided in
Section 246-36(1)(D), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

7. Observe and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules,
and regulations of the federal, state, municipal, or
county governments affecting the Premises or
improvements.

8. Repair and maintain all buildings or other
improvements now or hereafter on the Premises.

9. Obtain the prior written consent of the Board before
making any major improvements.

10. Keep the Premises and improvements in a clean,
sanitary, and orderly condition.
11. Pay, when due, all payments for water and other utilities, and whatever charges for the collection of garbage that may be levied.

12. Not make, permit, or suffer, any waste, strip, spoil, nuisance or unlawful, improper or offensive use of the Premises.

13. At all times with respect to the Premises use due care for public safety and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Hawaii, its officers, agents, and employees from and against all claims or demands for damage, including claims for property damage, personal injury or death, arising on or about the Premises, or by any fire or explosion thereon, or growing out of, or caused by any failure on the part of the Permittee to maintain the Premises in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Permit.

14. Procure, at its own cost and expense, and maintain during the entire period of this Permit, a policy or policies of commercial general liability insurance, in an amount acceptable to the Chairperson, insuring the State of Hawaii and the Permittee against all claims for personal injury, death and property damage. The policy or policies shall cover the entire Premises, including all buildings, improvements and grounds and all roadways or sidewalks on or adjacent to the Premises in the control or use of the Permittee. The Permittee shall furnish the State with a certificate showing the policy to be initially in force and shall furnish a like certificate upon each renewal of the policy, each certificate to contain or be accompanied by an assurance of the insurer to notify the State of any intention to cancel any policy sixty (60) days prior to actual cancellation. The procuring of this policy shall not release or relieve the Permittee of its responsibility under this Permit as set forth herein or limit the amount of its liability under this Permit.

B. Additional Conditions:

1. The Board may revoke this Permit for any reason whatsoever, upon written notice to the Permittee at least thirty (30) days prior to the revocation; provided, however, that in the event payment of rental is delinquent for period of ten (10) days or
more, this Permit may be revoked upon written notice to the Permittee at lease five (5) business days prior to the revocation.

2. If the Permittee does not vacate the Premises upon the revocation of the Permit by the Board, the Permittee shall pay to the State liquidated damages at the daily rate of $20.00 for each day, or portion thereof, the Permittee remains on the Premises over the date of revocation. The payment is in addition to any other rights or remedies the Board may be entitled to pursue for breach of contract, or for illegal occupancy, including the right to evict the Permittee without court action, and the cost thereof to be paid by the Permittee.

3. If the Permittee fails to vacate the Premises upon the revocation of the Permit, the Board, its agents and/or representatives may enter upon the Premises and remove and dispose of all vehicles, equipment, materials, and/or any personal property remaining on the Premises, and the Permittee agrees to pay for all costs and expenses of removal and disposition.

4. The Board may at any time increase or decrease the monthly rental by written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of change of rent.

5. Any major improvements, including but not limited to buildings and fences, erected on or moved onto the Premises by the Permittee shall remain the property of the Permittee and the Permittee shall have the right, prior to the termination of this Permit, or within an additional period the Board in its discretion may allow, to remove the improvements from the Premises; provided, however, that in the event the Permittee shall fail to remove the improvements within thirty (30) days, after written notice to remove has been sent, the Board may elect to retain the improvements or may remove the same and charge the cost of removal and storage, if any, to the Permittee.

6. The Board reserves the right for itself, its agents, and/or representatives to enter or cross any portion of the premises at any time in the performance of its duties.

7. This Permit or any rights hereunder shall not be sold, assigned, conveyed, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise transferred or disposed of.
8. It is understood that the Permittee has inspected the Premises and knows the conditions thereof and fully assumes all risks incident to its use.

9. The acceptance of rent by the Board shall not be deemed a waiver of any breach by the Permittee of any term, covenant or condition of this Permit nor of the Board’s right to declare and enforce a forfeiture for any breach, and the failure of the Board to insist upon strict performance of any term, covenant or condition, or to exercise any option herein conferred, in any one or more instances, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any term, covenant, condition, or option.

10. The term of this month-to-month permit beyond one year from date of issuance, is subject to the prior approval of the Board.

11. The use and enjoyment of the Premises shall not be in support of any policy which discriminates against anyone based upon race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or a physical handicap.

12. Any and all disputes and/or questions arising under this Permit shall be referred to the Chairperson of the Board and his determination of these disputes or questions shall be final and binding on the parties.

13. 

________________________________________

________________________________________
Unless the text indicates otherwise, the use of any gender shall include all genders and, if the Permittee includes more than one person, the singular shall signify the plural and this Permit shall bind the persons, and each of them jointly and severally.

DATED: JUL 1 1992, 19__.

STATE OF HAWAII

[Signature]
Chairperson and Member
Board of Land and
Natural Resources

Approved by the Board
at its meeting held on
May 22, 1992

Item F-1-d

PERMITTEE

RONALD P. WEIDENBACH dba
HAWAII FISH COMPANY

By:

Its:

And By:

Its:
On this 26th day of June, 1992, before me personally appeared RONALD P. WEITENBACH, dba HAWAII FISH COMPANY, to me known to be the person(s) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Notary Public, State of Hawaii
My commission expires: 2/4/95

On this ____ day of ________, 19____, before me appeared ______________________________________ and __________________________, to me personally known, who, being by me duly sworn, did say that they are the ______________________ and ______________________, respectively of ______________________________, a Hawaii corporation, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and the said ______________________ and ______________________ acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

Notary Public, State of Hawaii
My commission expires: ________
ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THIS PERMIT IS GRANTED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. The property is available on a month-to-month basis only, without further commitment.

2. The applicant accepts the property in its "as is" condition.

3. The applicant shall secure all necessary permits from County, State and Federal agencies.

4. The applicant shall provide the Chairperson with a Development Plan for approval, prior to any construction occurring on the property.

5. Add "Farm operation office/caretakers building and hatchery office/caretakers building.

6. Add the conditions under CDUA #OA-9/6/91-2504 approved by the Board on January 24, 1992 under agenda Item H-2.
May 18, 2022

Subject: Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. RP17-01 issued to Andros Engineering Corporation for 132.25 Square Feet, More or Less, in Whitmore Village, Oahu, Tax Map Key (1) 7-1-002:004 (por)

Permittee: Andros Engineering Corporation

Authority: Section 163D-4(a)(5), Hawaii Revised Statutes

Area: 132.25 square feet, more or less

Bldg No(s.): Bldg E

Tax Map Key: (1) 7-1-002:004

Land Status: Acquired in fee by the Agribusiness Development Corporation in 2015.

Trust Land Status: Section ___ lands of the Hawaii Admission Act

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution? Yes ___ No X

Character of Use: Commercial/Agricultural Recycling

Land Doc. Type: Revocable Permit

Term: Month-to-month (renews annually)

Rental Rate: $79.35 per month per year

Annual Rent: $952.20

BACKGROUND:

Andros Engineering Corporation (“AEC”) has been renting office space located in Building E (“Exhibit A”) in Whitmore since 2017. AEC is a world supplier of specialized agricultural equipment that deal in irrigation, research and development, and biotech contract services (recycling). AEC also occupies a covered parking and storage shed in Whitmore, identified as Building F.
The Permittee has been a good tenant with timely and complete rent payments.

LAND REQUEST:

To approve the annual renewal of the Permit (see “Exhibit B”) for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

WATER NEEDS AND SOURCE OF WATER:

For the purposes of the Permittee’s use, there are no water needs. However, the premises do have access to bathroom facilities which is connected to BWS water and sewer.

OPERATIONAL PLAN:

The premises provide administrative space for Permittee’s operation within ADC’s Whitmore food hub master-planned area.

CONSERVATION PLAN:

For the purposes of Permittee’s use, a conservation plan is not required.

DISCUSSION:

The premises are located within ADC’s Whitmore food hub master-planned area. As such, a short-term revocable permit is appropriate for this disposition.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the foregoing, staff recommends that the Board approve the land request noted above, subject to the following conditions:

1. All current terms and conditions of the Permit shall remain unchanged.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Nakatani
Executive Director
EXHIBIT A

Map

[see following page]
Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. RP17-01 Issued to Andros Engineering Corporation for 132.25 Square Feet, More or Less, in Whitmore Village, Oahu, Tax Map Key (1) 7-1-002:004 (por)
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EXHIBIT B

Revocable Permit No. RP17-01

[see following pages]
STATE OF HAWAII
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

REVOCABLE PERMIT NO. RP17-01

Effective the 1st day of July, 2017, Andros Engineering Corporation, a California Corporation, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 856, Santa Margarita, California 93453 hereinafter called the "PERMITTEE", is permitted to enter and occupy, on a month-to-month basis, a portion of Building E with the address of 1116 Whitmore Avenue, Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786 located on that certain parcel of State land situated at Whitmore, District of Wahiawa, Oahu, TMK: (1) 7-1-02-04 (por), as shown on the attached Exhibit A, containing an approximate area of 132.25 square feet which parcel is hereinafter referred to as the "Premises."

THIS PERMIT IS GRANTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A. The PERMITTEE shall:

1. Occupy and use the premises, AS IS WHERE IS, for the following specified purposes only:
   Office Space ________________________________

2. Pay, to the Agribusiness Development Corporation, whose mailing address is 235 S. Beretania St., Room 205, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, hereinafter called ("ADC"), the sum of $79.35 being rental due and payable of the first day of each and every month commencing on the effective date.

   The interest rate on any and all unpaid or delinquent rentals shall be at one per cent (1%) per month plus a service charge of FIFTY AND NO/DOLLARS ($50.00) per month for each month of delinquency.

3. Upon execution of this Permit, deposit with ADC the sum of $79.35 as security for the faithful performance of all of these terms and conditions. The deposit will be returned to PERMITTEE upon termination of this Permit, but only after all of the terms and conditions of this Permit have been observed and performed.

4. At the PERMITTEE’s own cost and expense, keep insured all buildings and improvements erected on the demised
premises in the joint names of the State of Hawaii and the PERMITTEE against loss or damage by fire, including perils specified in the extended coverage endorsement and in an amount equal to the full replacement value thereof. In the event of a loss, damage, or destruction of those improvements, ADC shall retain from the proceeds of the policies those amounts it deems necessary to cover the loss, damage or destruction of the improvements and the balance of those proceeds, if any, shall be delivered to the PERMITTEE.

5. Give ADC twenty-five (25) day notice, in writing, before vacating the property.

6. If a holdover lessee or licensee, pay all real property taxes, which shall be assessed against the premises from the date of this Permit. In addition, a PERMITTEE, not a holdover lessee or licensee, who has occupied the premises for a continued period of one year or more, shall pay the real property tax assessed against the premises after the first year of the Permit as provided in Section 246-36(1)(D), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

7. Observe and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of the federal, state, municipal, or county governments affecting the premises or improvements.

8. Repair and maintain all buildings or other improvements now or hereafter on the premises.

9. Obtain the prior written consent of ADC before making any improvements.

10. Keep the premises and improvements in a safe, clean, sanitary, and orderly condition.

11. Pay, when due, all payments for sewer, electricity, and other utilities, and whatever charges for the collection of garbage that may be levied.

12. Not make, permit or suffer, any waste, strip, spoil, nuisance or unlawful, improper or offensive use of the premises.

13. PERMITTEE shall agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Hawaii, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any claim or demand for loss,
liability, damage, cost, expense, and attorneys' fees, including claims for property damage, personal injury, or wrongful death, to the extent arising out of any occurrence on the premises, resulting from any act or omission of the PERMITTEE, or occasioned by any act or nuisance made or suffered on the premises, or by any accident or fire thereon caused by the PERMITTEE, or growing out of or caused by any failure on the part of PERMITTEE to maintain the premises in a safe condition, or by any act or omission of PERMITTEE, and from and against all actions, suits, damages, and claims by whomsoever brought or made by reason of the non-observance or non-performance by PERMITTEE of any of the terms, covenants, and conditions herein or the laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of the federal, state, or county governments.

14. PERMITTEE shall maintain during the entire period of this Permit a policy or policies of commercial general liability insurance sufficient to protect it from and against any liability for all claims for personal injury, death, and property damage which may arise out of the exercise of rights granted herein. The policy or policies shall cover the entire premises, including all buildings, structures, improvements, and grounds and all roadways or sidewalks on or adjacent to the premises in the control or use of PERMITTEE. The minimum limit of said policy or policies shall not be less than $500,000.00 for each occurrence and $1,000,000.00 aggregate, with an insurance company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Hawaii.

PERMITTEE, prior to entry and use of the premises or within fifteen (15) days from the effective date of this Permit, whichever is sooner, shall furnish ADC with a certificate(s) showing the policy(ies) to be initially in force, keep the certificate(s) on deposit during the entire term of this Permit, and furnish like certificate(s) upon each renewal of the policy(ies). The certificate(s) for such insurance shall contain or be accompanied by an assurance that a notice of cancelation and time to cure by PERMITTEE or by ADC at its option, shall be issued to PERMITTEE and ADC at least thirty (30) days before cancelation. The policy shall include ADC as an additional insured as its interests appear under this Permit.
B. Additional Conditions:

1. ADC may revoke this Permit for any reason whatsoever, upon written notice to the PERMITTEE at least thirty (30) days prior to the revocation; provided, however, that in the event that payment is delinquent for a period of ten (10) days or more, this Permit may be revoked upon written notice to the PERMITTEE at least five (5) business days prior to the revocation.

2. If the PERMITTEE does not vacate the premises upon the revocation of the Permit by ADC, the PERMITTEE shall pay to the State of Hawaii liquidated damages at the daily rate of ($20.00) for each day, or portion thereof, the PERMITTEE remains on the premises over the date of revocation. The payment is in addition to any other rights or remedies ADC may be entitled to pursue, such as breach of contract, or for illegal occupancy, including the right to evict the PERMITTEE without court action, and the cost thereof to be paid by the PERMITTEE.

3. If the PERMITTEE fails to vacate the premises upon the revocation of the Permit, ADC, its agents and/or representatives may enter upon the premises and remove and dispose of all vehicles, equipment, materials, and/or any personal property remaining on the premises, and the PERMITTEE agrees to pay for all costs and expenses of removal and disposition.

4. ADC may at any time increase or decrease the monthly rental by written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of change of rent.

5. Any improvements, including but not limited to equipment, buildings and fences, erected or moved onto the premises by the PERMITTEE shall remain the property of the PERMITTEE and the PERMITTEE shall have the right, prior to the termination of this Permit, or within an additional period ADC in its discretion may allow, to remove the improvements from the premises; provided, however, that in the event the PERMITTEE fails to remove the improvements forty-five (45) days, after written notice to remove has been sent, ADC may elect to retain the improvements or may remove the same and charge the cost of removal and storage, if any, to the PERMITTEE.
6. ADC reserves the right for itself, its agents, and/or representatives, to enter or cross any portion of the premises at any time in the performance of its duties.

7. This Permit or any rights hereunder shall not be sold, assigned, conveyed, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise transferred or disposed of.

8. It is understood that the PERMITTEE has inspected the premises and knows the conditions thereof and fully assumes all risk incident to its use.

9. The acceptance of rent by ADC shall not be deemed a waiver of any breach by the PERMITTEE of any term, covenant, restriction, or condition of this Permit, or of ADC's right to declare and enforce a forfeiture for any breach; and the failure of ADC to insist upon strict performance of any term, covenant, or condition, or to exercise any option herein conferred, in any one or more instances, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any such term, covenant, condition, or option unless reduced to writing and signed by ADC.

10. The term of this month-to-month permit beyond one (1) year from date of issuance, is subject to the prior approval of the ADC Board of Directors.

11. The use and enjoyment of the premises shall not be in support of any policy which discriminates against anyone based upon race, creed, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status, familial status, ancestry, physical handicap, disability, age, or Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) status.

12. Any and all disputes and/or questions arising under this permit shall be referred to the ADC Executive Director and his determination of the disputes or questions shall be final and binding on the parties.

13. PERMITTEE shall maintain for the duration of this Permit insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to Premises, which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work by the PERMITTEE, their agents, representatives, employees or contractors.
PERMITTEE shall ensure that any and all of its agents, representatives, employees or contractors carry and maintain at their sole cost and expense the following insurance policies and coverage below:

a. Comprehensive general liability insurance, including contingent liability, contractual liability and products and completed operations liability in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to ADC, with an insurer licensed to do business in the State of Hawaii reasonably satisfactory to ADC, which shall be no less than:

Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability $500,000 each occurrence/ $1,000,000 aggregate.

If the policy is written on a “claims made” form, it shall provide for an extended reporting period of not less than three (3) years.

b. Comprehensive automobile liability insurance covering all owned, hired, or non-owned vehicles, including the loading and unloading thereof on the property.

c. Workers’ compensation insurance affording statutory limits, and employees' liability coverage with limits no less than $500,000 covering all persons admitted to the Property under the terms of this Permit.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed on the dates noted below.

ADC:  

STATE OF HAWAII  
AGribusiness Development Corporation  

By  
James J. Nakatani  
Its Executive Director  
Date: August 29, 2017  

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  

Andrew D. Goff  
Deputy Attorney General  

PERMITTEE:  

Andros Engineering Corporation  

By  
Matthew Andros  
(print name)  
Its PRINCEville  
Date: 8/16/2017  

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  

Attorney for Permittee
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF San Luis Obispo

On this 16th day of August, 2017, before me personally appeared Matthew Address, personally known/proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, who, being by me duly sworn or affirmed, did say that such person executed the foregoing instrument as the free act and deed of such person, and if applicable in the capacity shown, having been duly authorized to execute such instrument in such capacity.

Dana M. Roden
Print Name: Dana M. Roden
Notary Public, State of Hawaii California
My commission expires: Feb 23, 2020

(Notary Stamp or Seal)

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Dana M. Roden Aug 16, 2017
Signature of Notary

Date of Notarization and Certification Statement

Dana M. Roden
Printed Name of Notary

(Notary Stamp or Seal)
STATE OF HAWAII

CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

On this 29th day of August, 2017, before me personally appeared JAMES J. NAKATANI, personally known/proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, who, being by me duly sworn or affirmed, did say that such person executed the foregoing instrument as the free act and deed of such person, and if applicable in the capacity shown, having been duly authorized to execute such instrument in such capacity.

Jan Y. Ferrer
Print Name: Jan Y. Ferrer
Notary Public, State of Hawaii
My commission expires: 11/19/20

(Notary Stamp or Seal)

NOTARY CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Document Identification or Description: State of Hawaii Agribusiness Development Corporation Revocable Permit No. RP17-01

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Signature of Notary

Date of Notarization and Certification Statement

Jan Y. Ferrer

Printed Name of Notary
May 18, 2022

Subject: Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. RP20-02
Issued to Kelena Farms Inc. for 345.38 Acres in Waialua, Oahu,
Tax Map Key (1) 6-5-002:011, :006, :008, (1) 6-5-001:046

Permittee: Kelena Farms Inc.

Authority: Section 163D-4(a)(5), Hawaii Revised Statutes

Area: 345.38 acres

Field No(s.): Undesignated

Tax Map Key: (1) 6-5-002:011, :006, :008, (1) 6-5-001:046


Trust Land Status: Section ___ lands of the Hawaii Admission Act
Yes ___ No X

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution? Yes ___ No X

Character of Use: Agricultural

Land Doc. Type: Permit

Term: Month-to-month (renews annually)

Rental Rate: $100 per acre per year
Annual Rent: $34,538

BACKGROUND:

Since 2012, the Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”) has acquired over 3,000 acres in Central Oahu as part of its land acquisition campaign to preserve agricultural land and expand its land inventory, so it can provide long-term agreements to farmers. Some of the land ADC acquired were encumbered and actively farmed at the time of the purchase, including the subject tenant. Subsequent to the purchase of the
property, ADC issued Revocable Permit No. RP20-02 to Kelena Farms Inc. (“Permittee” or “Kelena Farms”) (see “Exhibit B”) for 345.38 acres of the subject property (see “Exhibit A”) (the “Premises”) pending the purchase of certain well easements from Dole Food Company, at which time a long-term license will be issued.

Kelena Farms is a Hawaii corporation and one of the largest producers of fresh fruits and vegetables and has been farming on five contiguous parcels, which include the subject properties, since 2008. They are excellent operators and currently sell produce to large retailers and local distributors.

LAND REQUEST:

To approve the annual renewal of the Permit for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

WATER NEEDS AND SOURCE OF WATER:

The Premises are currently irrigated via water delivered from Dole Well #25 located over a mile away on Dole property. The well, among others, are currently under active procurement by ADC from Dole Food Company. The Premises include a reservoir and irrigation distribution furnished installed by the Permittee (no state funds used).

OPERATIONAL PLAN:

The Permittee grows fruits and vegetables that include, but are not limited to, cabbage, bell pepper, and watermelon

CONSERVATION PLAN:

The terms of the Permit require that a conservation plan be developed. While a plan has not yet been developed, Permittee does farm with windbreaks and soil erosion mitigation techniques in place. Permittee has assured staff that a conservation plan will be developed forthwith.

DISCUSSION:

Conservation planning notwithstanding, Permittee has been an excellent steward of the Premises and has improved the property at his own expense through the installation of reservoirs and irrigation distribution lines which enhance the use and value of the subject property.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the foregoing, staff recommends that the Board approve the land request noted above, subject to the following conditions:

1. All current terms and conditions of the Permit shall remain unchanged.
Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. RP20-02 Issued to Kelena Farms Inc. for 345.38 Acres, More or Less, in Waialua, Oahu, Tax Map Key (1) 6-5-002:011, :006, :008, (1) 6-5-001:046
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Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Nakatani
Executive Director
EXHIBIT A

Maps

[see following pages]
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EXHIBIT B

Revocable Permit No. RP20-02

[see following pages]
STATE OF HAWAII
AGribUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

REVOCABLE PERMIT NO. RP20-02

Effective and issued this 1st day of July, 2020, Kelena Farms Inc., a Hawaii corporation hereinafter called the “PERMITTEE”, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 27, Kunia, HI 96759 is permitted to enter and occupy, on a month-to-month basis only, that certain parcels of State land situate at Waialua, Oahu, TMKs: (1) 6-5-02-11; (1) 6-5-02-06; (1) 6-5-02-08; and (1) 6-5-01-46 as shown on attached Exhibit A & A-1, containing an approximate area of 345.38 acres which area is hereinafter referred to as the “Premises.”

THIS PERMIT IS GRANTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A. The PERMITTEE shall:

1. Occupy and use the premises for the following specified purposes only:
   Agricultural

2. Pay, to the Agribusiness Development Corporation, whose mailing address is 235 S. Beretania St., Room 205, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, hereinafter called (“ADC”), the sum of $100.00 per acre per year or $2,878.16 per month being rental due and payable of the first day of each and every month commencing on the effective date.

   The interest rate on any and all unpaid or delinquent rentals shall be at one per cent (1%) per month plus a service charge of FIFTY AND NO/DOLLARS ($50.00) per month for each month of delinquency.

3. Upon execution of this Permit, deposit with ADC the sum of $2,878.16 as security for the faithful performance of all of these terms and conditions. The deposit will be returned to PERMITTEE upon termination of this Permit, but only after all of the terms and conditions of this Permit have been observed and performed.

4. At the PERMITTEE’s own cost and expense, keep insured all buildings and improvements erected on the demised premises in the joint names of the State of Hawaii and
the PERMITTEE against loss or damage by fire, including perils specified in the extended coverage endorsement and in an amount equal to the full replacement value thereof. In the event of a loss, damage, or destruction of those improvements, ADC shall retain from the proceeds of the policies those amounts it deems necessary to cover the loss, damage or destruction of the improvements and the balance of those proceeds, if any, shall be delivered to the PERMITTEE.

5. Give ADC twenty-five (25) day notice, in writing, before vacating the property.

6. If a holdover lessee or licensee, pay all real property taxes, which shall be assessed against the premises from the date of this Permit. In addition, a PERMITTEE, not a holcouver lessee or licensee, who has occupied the premises for a continued period of one year or more, shall pay the real property tax assessed against the premises after the first year of the Permit as provided in Section 246-36(1(D), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

7. Observe and comply with all laws, ordinance, rules, and regulations of the federal, state, municipal, or county governments affecting the premises or improvements.

8. Repair and maintain all buildings or other improvements now or hereafter on the premises.

9. Obtain the prior written consent of ADC before making any major improvements.

10. Keep the premises and improvements in a clean, sanitary, and orderly condition.

11. Pay, when due, all payments for water and other utilities, and whatever charges for the collection of garbage that may be levied.

12. Not make, permit, or suffer, and waste, strip, spoil, nuisance or unlawful, improper or offensive use of the premises.

13. PERMITTEE shall agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Hawaii, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any claim or demand for loss, liability, damage, cost, expense, and attorneys' fees,
including claims for property damage, personal injury, or wrongful death, to the extent arising out of any occurrence on the premises, resulting from any act or omission of the PERMITTEE, or occasioned by any act or nuisance made or suffered on the premises, or by any accident or fire thereon caused by the PERMITTEE, or growing out of or caused by any failure on the part of PERMITTEE to maintain the premises in a safe condition, or by any act or omission of PERMITTEE, and from and against all actions, suits, damages, and claims by whosoever brought or made by reason of the non-observance or non-performance by PERMITTEE of any of the terms, covenants, and conditions herein or the laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of the federal, state, or county governments.

14. PERMITTEE shall maintain during the entire period of this Permit a policy or policies of commercial general liability insurance sufficient to protect it from and against any liability for all claims for personal injury, death, and property damage which may arise out of the exercise of rights granted herein. The policy or policies shall cover the entire premises, including all buildings, structures, improvements, and grounds and all roadways or sidewalks on or adjacent to the premises in the control or use of PERMITTEE. The minimum limit of said policy or policies shall not be less than $500,000.00 for each occurrence and $1,000,000.00 aggregate, with an insurance company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Hawaii.

PERMITTEE, prior to entry and use of the premises or within fifteen (15) days from the effective date of this Permit, whichever is sooner, shall furnish ADC with a certificate(s) showing the policy(ies) to be initially in force, keep the certificate(s) on deposit during the entire term of this Permit, and furnish like certificate(s) upon each renewal of the policy(ies). The certificate(s) for such insurance shall contain or be accompanied by an assurance that a notice of cancelation and time to cure by PERMITTEE or by ADC at its option, shall be issued to PERMITTEE and ADC at least thirty (30) days before cancelation. The policy shall include ADC as an additional insured as its interests appear under this Permit.
B. Additional Conditions:

1. ADC may revoke this Permit for any reason whatsoever, upon written notice to the PERMITTEE at least thirty (30) days prior to the revocation; provided, however, that in the event that payment is delinquent for a period of ten (10) days or more, this Permit may be revoked upon written notice to the PERMITTEE at least five (5) business days prior to the revocation.

2. If the PERMITTEE does not vacate the premises upon the revocation of the Permit by ADC, the PERMITTEE shall pay to the State of Hawaii liquidated damages at the daily rate of ($20.00) for each day, or portion thereof, the PERMITTEE remains on the premises over the date of revocation. The payment is in addition to any other rights or remedies ADC may be entitled to pursue breach of contract, or for illegal occupancy, including the right evict the PERMITTEE without court action, and the cost thereof to be paid by the PERMITTEE.

3. If the PERMITTEE fails to vacate the premises upon the revocation of the Permit, ADC, its agents and/or representatives may enter upon the premises and remove and dispose of all vehicles, equipment, materials, and/or any personal property remaining on the premises, and the PERMITTEE agrees to pay for all cost and expenses of removal and disposition.

4. ADC may at any time increase or decrease the monthly rental by written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of change of rent.

5. Any improvements, including but not limited to equipment, buildings and fences, erected or moved on to the premises by the PERMITTEE shall remain the property of the PERMITTEE and the PERMITTEE shall have the right, prior to the termination of this Permit, or within an additional period ADC in its discretion may allow, to remove the improvements from the premises; provided, however, that in the event the PERMITTEE fails to remove the improvements forty-five (45) days, after written notice to remove has been sent, ADC may elect to retain the improvements or may remove the same and charge the cost of removal and storage, if any, to the PERMITTEE.
6. ADC reserves the right for itself, its agents, and/or representatives, to enter or cross any portion of the premises at any time in the performance of its duties.

7. This Permit or any rights hereunder shall not be sold, assigned, conveyed, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise transferred or disposed of.

8. It is understood that the PERMITTEE has inspected the premises and knows the conditions thereof and fully assumes all risk incident to its use.

9. The acceptance of rent by ADC shall not be deemed a waiver of any breach by the PERMITTEE of any term, covenant, restriction, or condition of this Permit, or of ADC's right to declare and enforce a forfeiture for any breach; and the failure of ADC to insist upon strict performance of any term, covenant, or condition, or to exercise any option herein conferred, in any one or more instances, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any such term, covenant, condition, or option unless reduced to writing and signed by ADC.

10. The term of this month-to-month permit beyond one (1) year from date of issuance, is subject to the prior approval of the ADC Board of Directors.

11. The use and enjoyment of the premises shall not be in support of any policy which discriminates against anyone based upon race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or physical handicap.

12. Any and all disputes and/or questions arising under this permit shall be referred to the ADC Executive Director and his determination of the disputes or questions shall be final and binding on the parties.

13. PERMITTEE shall maintain for the duration of this Permit insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to Premises, which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work by the PERMITTEE, their agents, representatives, employees or contractors.

PERMITTEE shall ensure that any and all of its agents, representatives, employees or contractors carry and
maintain at their sole cost and expense the following insurance policies and coverage below:

a. Comprehensive general liability insurance, including contingent liability, contractual liability and products and completed operations liability in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to ADC, with an insurer licensed to do business in the State of Hawaii reasonably satisfactory to ADC, which shall be no less than:

Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability $500,000 each occurrence/ $1,000,000 aggregate.

If the policy is written on a "claims made" form, it shall provide for an extended reporting period of not less than three (3) years.

b. Comprehensive automobile liability insurance covering all owned, hired, or non-owned vehicles, including the loading and unloading thereof on the property.

c. Workers' compensation insurance affording statutory limits, and employees' liability coverage with limits no less than $500,000 covering all persons admitted to the Property under the terms of this Permit.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed on the dates noted below.

ADC:  

STATE OF HAWAII  
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  

By  
James J. Nakatani  
Its Executive Director  

Date: JUL 01 2020  

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  

Deputy Attorney General  

PERMITTEE:  

Kelena Farms, Inc.  

By  
Print name: Larry G. Jeffs  
Its President  

Date: 06/22/2020  

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  

_________________________  
Attorney for Permittee  

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STATE OF HAWAII

CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

On this 22nd day of June, 2020, before me personally appeared Larry G.efits, personally known/proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, who, being by me duly sworn or affirmed, did say that such person executed the foregoing instrument as the free act and deed of such person, and if applicable in the capacity shown, having been duly authorized to execute such instrument in such capacity.

Print
Name: N. Goins
Notary Public, State of Hawaii
My commission expires: 10/08/2021

NOTARY CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Document Identification or Description: State of Hawaii Agribusiness Development Corporation Revocable Permit No. RP20-02

Document Date: 06/22/2020
No. of Pages: 09 pages
Jurisdiction (in which notarial act is performed): First

Signature of Notary

Date of Notarization and Certification Statement

N. Goins
Printed Name of Notary
STATE OF HAWAII

CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

On this 1st day of July, 2020, before me personally appeared James J. Nakatani, personally known/proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, who, being by me duly sworn or affirmed, did say that such person executed the foregoing instrument as the free act and deed of such person, and if applicable in the capacity shown, having been duly authorized to execute such instrument in such capacity.

Lori S. Nakamura

Print Name: Lori S. Nakamura
Notary Public, State of Hawaii
My commission expires: Oct. 16, 2023

(Notary Stamp or Seal)

NOTARY CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Document Identification or Description: Revocable Permit No. RP20-02

Agribusiness Development Corporation & Kelena Farms Inc.

Document Date: July 1, 2020
No. of Pages: 11 (9 + 2 Exhibits)
Jurisdiction (in which notarial act is performed): First Circuit

Lori S. Nakamura 7/1/2020

Signature of Notary Date of Notarization and Certification Statement

Lori S. Nakamura
Printed Name of Notary

(Noteary Stamp or Seal)
I approve the change date to July 1, 2020 for Revocable Permit No. 20-02 for Kelena Farms Inc.

Larry Jefts
May 18, 2022

Subject: Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. RP20-01 issued to Ho Farms LLC for 57.296 Acres at Galbraith, Oahu, Tax Map Key (1) 7-1-012:001 (por)

Permittee: Ho Farms LLC

Authority: Section 163D-4(a)(5), Hawaii Revised Statutes

Area: 57.269 acres

Field No(s.): Lot 12

Tax Map Key: (1) 7-1-012:001

Land Status: Acquired in fee by the Agribusiness Development Corporation in 2012.

Trust Land Status: Section ___ lands of the Hawaii Admission Act

    Yes ___    No  X

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution?

    Yes ___    No  X

Character of Use: Agricultural

Land Doc. Type: Permit

Term: Month-to-month (renews annually)

Rental Rate: $100 per acre per year

Annual Rent: $5,778.30

BACKGROUND:

The Galbraith Agricultural Lands (“GAL”) small farmer area is comprised of twelve contiguous lots ranging in size from six to eighty acres. The subject area is identified as Lot 12 and is 57.296 acres (the “Premises”). The Premises are held under Revocable Permit No. RP20-02 (“Permit”) which was issued to Ho Farms LLC (“Permittee”) on July 1, 2020.
Currently, Permittee also farms on 62.025 acres of Lot 11, immediately adjacent to the Premises. Permittee grows tomato, cucumber, eggplant, papaya, and an assortment of other fruits and vegetables.

**LAND REQUEST:**

To approve the annual renewal of the Permit for the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

**WATER NEEDS AND SOURCE OF WATER:**

The Premises are currently irrigated via water delivered from Bott Well.

**OPERATIONAL PLAN:**

The Permittee grows fruits and vegetables that include, but are not limited to, tomato, cucumber, eggplant, and papaya.

**CONSERVATION PLAN:**

Permittee has updated their existing conservation plan to include the lands under the Permit.

**DISCUSSION:**

Permittee has been an excellent steward of the Premises and has improved the property at their own expense through the installation of a shade house use and value of the subject property. Permittee is also in discussions with Hawaiian Electric Company to bring power onto the property which ADC will also use to convert Bott Well to electric power.

The subject Premises are currently held under a revocable permit as they are intended for partial development under ADC’s Wahiawa Recycled Water Irrigation Project.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Based on the foregoing, staff recommends that the Board approve the land request noted above, subject to the following conditions:

1. All current terms and conditions of the Permit shall remain unchanged.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Nakatani
Executive Director
EXHIBIT B

Revocable Permit No. RP20-01

[see following pages]
STATE OF HAWAII
AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

REVOCABLE PERMIT NO. RP20-01

1st July

Effective and issued this 1st day of July, 2020, Ho Farms LLC, a Hawaii domestic limited liability company hereinafter called the “PERMITTEE”, whose mailing address is P.O. Box 569, Kaukau, HI 96731 is permitted to enter and occupy, on a month-to-month basis only, that certain parcel of State land identified as Lot 12 situate at the Galbraith Agricultural lands, Waialua, Oahu, TMK: (1)6-5-02-25(por) as shown on attached Exhibit A, containing an approximate area of 57.783 gross acres (53.296 usable acres) which area is hereinafter referred to as the “Premises.”

THIS PERMIT IS GRANTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A. The PERMITTEE shall:

1. Occupy and use the premises for the following specified purposes only:
   Agricultural

2. Pay, to the Agribusiness Development Corporation, whose mailing address is 235 S. Beretania St., Room 205, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, hereinafter called (“ADC”), the sum of $100.00 per usable acre per year or $444.13 per month being rental due and payable of the first day of each and every month commencing on the effective date.

The interest rate on any and all unpaid or delinquent rentals shall be at one per cent (1%) per month plus a service charge of FIFTY AND NO/DOLLARS ($50.00) per month for each month of delinquency.

3. Upon execution of this Permit, deposit with ADC the sum of $444.13 as security for the faithful performance of all of these terms and conditions. The deposit will be returned to PERMITTEE upon termination of this Permit, but only after all of the terms and conditions of this Permit have been observed and performed.

4. At the PERMITTEE’s own cost and expense, keep insured all buildings and improvements erected on the demised premises in the joint names of the State of Hawaii and
the PERMITTEE against loss or damage by fire, including perils specified in the extended coverage endorsement and in an amount equal to the full replacement value thereof. In the event of a loss, damage, or destruction of those improvements, ADC shall retain from the proceeds of the policies those amounts it deems necessary to cover the loss, damage or destruction of the improvements and the balance of those proceeds, if any, shall be delivered to the PERMITTEE.

5. Give ADC twenty-five (25) day notice, in writing, before vacating the property.

6. If a holdover lessee or licensee, pay all real property taxes, which shall be assessed against the premises from the date of this Permit. In addition, a PERMITTEE, not a holdover lessee or licensee, who has occupied the premises for a continued period of one year or more, shall pay the real property tax assessed against the premises after the first year of the Permit as provided in Section 246-36(1)(D), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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9. Obtain the prior written consent of ADC before making any major improvements.

10. Keep the premises and improvements in a clean, sanitary, and orderly condition.

11. Pay, when due, all payments for water and other utilities, and whatever charges for the collection of garbage that may be levied.

12. Not make, permit, or suffer, and waste, strip, spoil, nuisance or unlawful, improper or offensive use of the premises.

13. PERMITTEE shall agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Hawaii, its officers, employees, and agents from and against any claim or demand for loss, liability, damage, cost, expense, and attorneys' fees,
including claims for property damage, personal injury, or wrongful death, to the extent arising out of any occurrence on the premises, resulting from any act or omission of the PERMITTEE, or occasioned by any act or nuisance made or suffered on the premises, or by any accident or fire thereon caused by the PERMITTEE, or growing out of or caused by any failure on the part of PERMITTEE to maintain the premises in a safe condition, or by any act or omission of PERMITTEE, and from and against all actions, suits, damages, and claims by whomsoever brought or made by reason of the non-observance or non-performance by PERMITTEE of any of the terms, covenants, and conditions herein or the laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of the federal, state, or county governments.

14. PERMITTEE shall maintain during the entire period of this Permit a policy or policies of commercial general liability insurance sufficient to protect it from and against any liability for all claims for personal injury, death, and property damage which may arise out of the exercise of rights granted herein. The policy or policies shall cover the entire premises, including all buildings, structures, improvements, and grounds and all roadways or sidewalks on or adjacent to the premises in the control or use of PERMITTEE. The minimum limit of said policy or policies shall not be less than $500,000.00 for each occurrence and $1,000,000.00 aggregate, with an insurance company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Hawaii.

PERMITTEE, prior to entry and use of the premises or within fifteen (15) days from the effective date of this Permit, whichever is sooner, shall furnish ADC with a certificate(s) showing the policy(ies) to be initially in force, keep the certificate(s) on deposit during the entire term of this Permit, and furnish like certificate(s) upon each renewal of the policy(ies). The certificate(s) for such insurance shall contain or be accompanied by an assurance that a notice of cancelation and time to cure by PERMITTEE or by ADC at its option, shall be issued to PERMITTEE and ADC at least thirty (30) days before cancelation. The policy shall include ADC as an additional insured as its interests appear under this Permit.
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7. This Permit or any rights hereunder shall not be sold, assigned, conveyed, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise transferred or disposed of.

8. It is understood that the PERMITTEE has inspected the premises and knows the conditions thereof and fully assumes all risk incident to its use.

9. The acceptance of rent by ADC shall not be deemed a waiver of any breach by the PERMITTEE of any term, covenant, restriction, or condition of this Permit, or of ADC's right to declare and enforce a forfeiture for any breach; and the failure of ADC to insist upon strict performance of any term, covenant, or condition, or to exercise any option herein conferred, in any one or more instances, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any such term, covenant, condition, or option unless reduced to writing and signed by ADC.

10. The term of this month-to-month permit beyond one (1) year from date of issuance, is subject to the prior approval of the ADC Board of Directors.

11. The use and enjoyment of the premises shall not be in support of any policy which discriminates against anyone based upon race, creed, color, sex, national origin, or physical handicap.

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maintain at their sole cost and expense the following insurance policies and coverage below:

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Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability $500,000 each occurrence/ $1,000,000 aggregate.

If the policy is written on a "claims made" form, it shall provide for an extended reporting period of not less than three (3) years.

b. Comprehensive automobile liability insurance covering all owned, hired, or non-owned vehicles, including the loading and unloading thereof on the property.

c. Workers' compensation insurance affording statutory limits, and employees' liability coverage with limits no less than $500,000 covering all persons admitted to the Property under the terms of this Permit.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed on the dates noted below.

ADC:  

STATE OF HAWAII
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

By ____________________________

James J. Nakatani
Its Executive Director

Date: JUL 01 2020

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

________________________________
Deputy Attorney General

PERMITTEE:  
Ho Farms LLC

By ____________________________

Print name: Wei, Choo-Ly Ho
Its Production

Date: 6-17-20

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

________________________________
Attorney for Permittee
STATE OF HAWAI'I

CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

On this 17th day of June, 2020, before me personally appeared Wei Chung Ho, personally known/proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, who, being by me duly sworn or affirmed, did say that such person executed the foregoing instrument as the free act and deed of such person, and if applicable in the capacity shown, having been duly authorized to execute such instrument in such capacity.

Print: Joni K. Sugan
Name: Joni K. Sugan
Notary Public, State of Hawaii
My commission expires: April 07, 2023

NOTARY CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

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Signature of Notary: Joni K. Sugan
Date of Notarization and Certification Statement: 06-17-2020

Printed Name of Notary: Joni K. Sugan
STATE OF HAWAII
CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

On this 1st day of July, 2020, before me personally appeared James J. Nakatani, personally known/proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, who, being by me duly sworn or affirmed, did say that such person executed the foregoing instrument as the free act and deed of such person, and if applicable in the capacity shown, having been duly authorized to execute such instrument in such capacity.

Lori S. Nakamura
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From: Shin Houy Ho <shin@hofarms.com>
Sent: Monday, July 6, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Nakamoto, Ken T
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Revocable Permit No. 20-01

Received, thank you.

On Mon, Jul 6, 2020 at 1:41 PM Nakamoto, Ken T <Ken.T.Nakamoto@hawaii.gov> wrote:

Hi Shin,

Thank you for returning RP No. 20-01. The document has been fully executed, but the effective date is incorrect. The document cannot be effective before it is fully executed by both parties. Accordingly, we are changing the effective date to July 1, 2020. Please acknowledge that you received this email and approve the correction. Should you have any questions, please give me a call.

Mahalo,

Ken Nakamoto

(808)586-0087
May 18, 2022

Subject: Request for Approval to Renew Revocable Permit No. RP-W257-21-02 Issued to The Davey Tree Expert Company and Davey Tree Surgery Company for 21,392.7 Square Feet, More or Less, in Whitmore Village, Oahu, Tax Map Key (1) 7-1-002:004 (por)

Permittee: The Davey Tree Expert Company
Davey Tree Surgery Company

Authority: Section 163D-4(a)(5), Hawaii Revised Statutes

Area: 21,392.7 square feet, more or less

Bldg No(s.): Bldg E (por), Bldg J (por), Bldg I, and undesignated open space for parking

Tax Map Key: (1) 7-1-002:004

Land Status: Acquired in fee by the Agribusiness Development Corporation in 2015.

Trust Land Status: Section ____ lands of the Hawaii Admission Act
Yes ___ No X

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution? Yes ___ No X

Character of Use: Commercial/Landscaping

Land Doc. Type: Revocable Permit

Term: Month-to-month (renews annually)

Rental Rate: Office: $0.60 per sq ft per month
Storage/Parking $0.10 per sq ft per month
Annual Rent: $2,305.80

BACKGROUND:

ADC and the Davey Tree Expert Company (“Davey Tree Expert”) executed Revocable Permit No. RP16-01 on March 1, 2016 for 224 sq. ft. of office space, 5,000 sq ft of covered storage space, and 10,000 sq. ft. of open parking area. Davey Tree Expert had been
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gradually expanding their operations and the expansion resulted in a certain amount of encroachment upon the premises of adjacent tenants.

At the meeting in September 20, 2020, the Board approved Davey Tree Expert’s request to include 5,460 sq. ft. of Building J (por) for the purpose of equipment storage.

At the meeting on June 23, 2021, the Board approved a request to issue a new Revocable Permit No. RP-W257-21-02 (“Permit”) (see “Exhibit B”) issued to both The Davey Tree Expert Company and Davey Tree Surgery Company (collectively the “Davey Tree Companies”) and include additional office space (the “Premises”) (see “Exhibit A”).

LAND REQUEST:

To approve the annual renewal of the Permit for the period of July 29, 2022 – July 28, 2023.

WATER NEEDS AND SOURCE OF WATER:

For the purposes of the Permittee’s use, there are no water needs. However, the Premises do have access to bathroom facilities which is connected to BWS water and sewer.

OPERATIONAL PLAN:

The Premises provide administrative, covered storage, and parking space for Permittee’s operation within ADC’s Whitmore food hub master-planned area.

CONSERVATION PLAN:

For the purposes of Permittee’s use, a conservation plan is not required.

DISCUSSION:

The premises are located within ADC’s Whitmore food hub master-planned area. As such, a short-term revocable permit is appropriate for the use.

RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the foregoing, staff recommends that the Board approve the land request noted above, subject to the following conditions:

1. All current terms and conditions of the Permit shall remain unchanged.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Nakatani
Executive Director
EXHIBIT A

Map

[see following page]
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EXHIBIT B

Revocable Permit No. RP-W257-21-02

[see following pages]
STATE OF HAWAI'I
AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

REVOCABLE PERMIT NO. RP-W257-21-02

Effective the 29th day of July, 2021, The Davey Tree Expert Company, an Ohio corporation whose mailing address is 1500 North Mantua St., Kent, Ohio 44240, and Davey Tree Surgery Company, a Delaware corporation whose mailing address is 1500 North Mantua St., Kent, Ohio 44240, hereinafter collectively called the "PERMITTEE", is permitted to enter and occupy, on a month-to-month basis, the parking area, which contains approximately 10,000 square feet of unimproved land for parking purposes located on that certain parcel of State land situate at Whitmore, District of Wahiawa, Oahu, TMK: (1) 7-1-02-09 (por); and 5,600 square feet of Building I; 5,460 square feet of Building J (por) for storage purposes; 333 square feet of Building E (por) for office space with the address of 1126 Whitmore Avenue, Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786 located on that certain parcel of State land situate at Whitmore, District of Wahiawa, Oahu, TMK: (1) 7-1-02-04 (por), as shown on the attached Exhibit A, containing an approximate area of 21,392.7 square feet, which parcels are hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Premises."

THIS REVOCABLE PERMIT ("Permit") IS GRANTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A. The PERMITTEE shall:

1. Occupy and use the Premises, AS IS and WHERE IS, for the following specified purposes only: Parking, Storage, and Office

2. Pay to the Agribusiness Development Corporation, whose mailing address is 235 S. Beretania St., Room 205, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, hereinafter called ("ADC"), the sum of $2,305.62 being rental due and payable on the first day of each and every month commencing on the effective date.

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The interest rate on any and all unpaid or delinquent rentals shall be at one per cent (1%) per month plus a service charge of FIFTY AND NO/DOLLARS ($50.00) per month for each month of delinquency.

3. Pay to the ADC, within 30 days of the date of execution of this Permit, the sum of $671.4 as security (the difference between $2,305.80 (the new security deposit assessment for the expanded premises) and $1,634.40 (prior security deposit assessment for the original premises)). The amount of $2,305.80 will be security for the faithful performance of the terms and conditions herein. It will be returned to PERMITTEE upon termination of this Permit, but only after all of the terms and conditions of this Permit have been observed and performed.

4. At the PERMITTEE’s own cost and expense, keep insured all buildings and improvements erected on the premises in the joint names of the State of Hawaii and the PERMITTEE. At minimum, coverage must protect against loss or damage by fire, including perils specified in the extended coverage endorsement and in an amount equal to the full replacement value thereof. In the event of a loss, damage, or destruction of those improvements, ADC shall retain from the proceeds of the policies those amounts it deems necessary to cover the loss, damage or destruction of the improvements and the balance of those proceeds, if any, shall be delivered to the PERMITTEE.

5. Give ADC twenty-five (25) days notice, in writing, before vacating the property.

6. If a holdover permittee, pay all real property taxes, which shall be assessed against the Premises from the date of this Permit. In addition, a PERMITTEE, if not a holdover permittee, who has occupied the Premises for a continued period of one year or more, shall pay the real property tax assessed against the Premises after the first year of the Permit.

7. Observe and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of the federal, state, municipal, or county governments affecting the Premises or any improvements, including but not limited to, all applicable federal, state, and county environmental impact regulations,
including but not limited to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended, and rules governing historic preservation.

8. Repair and maintain all buildings or other improvements now or hereafter on the Premises.

9. Obtain the prior written consent of ADC before making any improvements.

10. Keep the Premises and improvements in a safe, clean, sanitary, and orderly condition.

11. Pay, when due, all payments for water and other utilities, and including charges for the collection of garbage that may be levied.

12. Not make, permit, or suffer, any waste, nor strip, nor spoil, any nuisance or unlawful, improper or offensive use of the Premises.

13. Agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of Hawaii, its officers, employees, Board members, and agents from and against any claim or demand for loss, liability, damage, cost, expense, and attorneys' fees, including claims for property damage, personal injury, or wrongful death, to the extent arising out of any occurrence on the Premises, resulting from any act or omission of the PERMITTEE, or occasioned by any act or nuisance made or suffered on the Premises, or by any accident or fire thereon caused by the PERMITTEE, or growing out of or caused by any failure on the part of PERMITTEE to maintain the Premises in a safe condition, or by any act or omission of PERMITTEE, and from and against all actions, suits, damages, and claims by whomsoever brought or made by reason of the non-observance or non-performance by PERMITTEE of any of the terms, covenants, and conditions herein or the laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of the federal, state, or county governments.

The provisions of this paragraph shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or early termination of this Permit.

In case the ADC shall, without any fault on its part, be made a party to any litigation commenced by or against

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PERMITTEE in connection with this Permit, the PERMITTEE shall pay all costs and expenses incurred by or imposed on the ADC, including attorneys' fees.

14. PERMITTEE shall maintain during the entire period of this Permit a policy or policies of commercial general liability insurance sufficient to protect it from and against any liability for all claims for personal injury, death, and property damage which may arise out of the exercise of rights granted herein. The policy or policies shall cover the entire Premises, including all buildings, structures, improvements, and grounds and all roadways or sidewalks on or adjacent to the Premises in the control or use of PERMITTEE. The minimum limit of said policy or policies shall not be less than $500,000.00 for each occurrence and $1,000,000.00 aggregate, with an insurance company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Hawaii.

PERMITTEE, prior to entry and use of the Premises or within fifteen (15) days from the effective date of this Permit, whichever is sooner, shall furnish ADC with a certificate(s) showing the policy(ies) to be initially in force, keep the certificate(s) on deposit during the entire term of this Permit, and furnish like certificate(s) upon each renewal of the policy(ies). The certificate(s) for such insurance shall contain or be accompanied by an assurance that a notice of cancelation and time to cure by PERMITTEE or by ADC at its option, shall be issued to PERMITTEE and ADC at least thirty (30) days before cancelation. The policy shall include ADC as an additional insured as its interests appear under this Permit.

15. PERMITTEE shall be responsible for any environmental issue occurring on the Premises during the entire time it occupies the Premises.

(a) PERMITTEE shall not cause or permit the escape, disposal, or release of any hazardous materials, except as permitted by federal, state, and local law. PERMITTEE shall not allow the storage or use of such materials in any manner not sanctioned by such federal, state, and local law. ADC may, upon reasonable request and for reasonable cause, require testing of the Premises to
ascertain whether or not there has been any release of hazardous materials by PERMITTEE. In the event that the results of such testing establish that there has been a release of hazardous materials on the Premises by PERMITTEE, PERMITTEE shall, in addition to PERMITTEE's other obligations hereunder, be responsible for the cost of such testing.

PERMITTEE shall execute affidavits, representations, and the like from time to time at ADC's request concerning PERMITTEE's best knowledge and belief regarding the presence of hazardous materials on the Premises placed or released by PERMITTEE. If PERMITTEE at any time becomes aware of any past, present, or contemplated hazardous discharge or of any hazardous materials claims with respect to the Premises which could subject ADC, PERMITTEE, or the Premises to any liability or restrictions on ownership, occupancy, transferability, or use of the Premises under any hazardous materials laws, PERMITTEE shall immediately advise ADC thereof in writing and provide to ADC such detailed reports thereof as may be reasonably requested by ADC. ADC shall have the right in its sole discretion to join and participate in any settlements, remedial actions, or legal proceedings or actions initiated with respect to any hazardous materials claims.

(b) PERMITTEE shall be responsible for and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless ADC and its officers, employees, agents, successors, Board members, and assigns from and against any loss, damage, cost, expense, or liability directly or indirectly arising out of or attributable to the generation, manufacture, treatment, handling, refining, production, processing, storage, release, threatened release, discharge, disposal, or presence of hazardous materials occurring on, under, or about the Premises during the term of this Permit and caused by PERMITTEE, including, without limitation: (1) all foreseeable and unforeseeable consequential damages; (2) the costs of any repair, clean-up, or detoxification of the Premises required by hazardous materials laws and of the preparation and implementation of any related closure, remedial, or other required plans; (3) the costs of ADC's investigation and handling of any hazardous materials.
claims, whether or not any lawsuit or other formal legal proceeding shall have been commenced with respect thereto; (4) the costs of ADC's enforcement of this covenant, whether or not a lawsuit is brought therefore; and (5) all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by ADC in connection with clauses (1), (2), (3), and (4) including, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees.

(c) The provisions of this paragraph shall survive the revocation or earlier termination of this Permit.

B. Additional Conditions:

1. ADC may revoke this Permit for any reason whatsoever, upon written notice to the PERMITTEE at least thirty (30) days prior to the revocation; provided, however, that in the event that payment is delinquent for a period of ten (10) days or more, this Permit may be revoked upon written notice to the PERMITTEE. Said notice must be at least five (5) business days prior to the revocation date.

2. If the PERMITTEE does not vacate the premises upon the revocation of the Permit by ADC, the PERMITTEE shall pay to the State of Hawaii liquidated damages at the daily rate of ($20.00) for each day, or portion thereof, the PERMITTEE remains on the premises over the date of revocation. The payment is in addition to any other rights or remedies ADC may be entitled to pursue, such as breach of contract, or for illegal occupancy, including the right evict the PERMITTEE without court action, and the costs and attorneys' fees thereof to be paid by the PERMITTEE. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive the revocation or earlier termination of this Permit.

3. If the PERMITTEE fails to vacate the premises upon the revocation of the Permit, then the ADC, its agents and/or representatives may enter upon the Premises and remove and dispose of all vehicles, equipment, materials, and/or any personal property remaining on the Premises, and the PERMITTEE agrees to pay for all costs and expenses of removal and disposition. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive the revocation or earlier termination of this Permit.
4. Upon termination or revocation of the Permit, PERMITTEE shall surrender the Premises in substantially the condition as of the date hereof, ordinary wear and tear excepted. If the PERMITTEE fails to surrender the Premises in such condition, ADC shall have the option to correct any issues and charge the PERMITTEE for any costs, including reasonable damages for any delay caused. The provisions of this paragraph shall survive the revocation or earlier termination of this Permit.

5. Any improvements, including but not limited to equipment, buildings and fences, erected or moved on to the Premises by the PERMITTEE shall remain the property of the PERMITTEE and the PERMITTEE shall have the right, prior to the termination of this Permit, or within an additional period ADC in its discretion may allow, to remove the improvements from the Premises; provided, however, that in the event the PERMITTEE fails to remove the improvements forty-five (45) days after written notice to remove has been sent, then ADC may elect to retain the improvements or may remove the same and charge the cost of removal, storage, or disposal, if any, to the PERMITTEE.

6. ADC may at any time increase or decrease the monthly rental by written notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of change of rent.

7. ADC reserves the right for itself, its agents, and/or representatives, to enter or cross any portion of the Premises with prior notice to PERMITTEE. Notice is not required in the case of an emergency.

8. This Permit or any rights hereunder shall not be sold, assigned, conveyed, leased, mortgaged, or otherwise transferred or disposed of.

9. It is understood that the PERMITTEE has inspected the Premises and knows the conditions thereof and fully assumes all risk incident to its use.

10. The acceptance of rent by the ADC shall not be deemed a waiver of any breach by the PERMITTEE of any term, covenant, restriction, or condition of this Permit, or of ADC's right to declare and enforce a forfeiture for any breach; and the failure of ADC to insist upon strict performance of any term, covenant, or condition, or to
exercise any option herein conferred, in any one or more instances, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any such term, covenant, condition, or option unless reduced to writing and signed by the ADC.

11. The failure of the ADC to insist upon the strict compliance with any term, provision, or condition of this Permit shall not constitute or be deemed to constitute a waiver or relinquishment of the ADC’s right to enforce the same in accordance with this Permit.

12. The term of this month-to-month permit beyond one (1) year from date of issuance, is subject to the prior approval of the ADC Board of Directors.

13. The use and enjoyment of the Premises shall not be in support of any policy which discriminates against anyone based upon race, color, sex, national origin, age, or disability, or any other class as protected under applicable federal or state law.

14. Any and all disputes and/or questions arising under this permit shall be referred to the ADC Executive Director and his determination of the disputes or questions shall be final and binding on the parties.

15. ADC shall not be responsible for theft or damage to PERMITTEE’s property, including but not limited to any vehicles or property stored on the Premises.

16. PERMITTEE shall maintain for the duration of this Permit, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to Premises, which may arise from or in connection with PERMITTEE or their agent, representative, employee, or contractor’s use or occupancy of the Premises.

PERMITTEE shall ensure that any and all of its agents, representatives, employees or contractors carry and maintain at their sole cost and expense the following insurance policies and coverage below:

a. Comprehensive general liability insurance, including contingent liability, contractual liability and products and completed operations liability in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to ADC, with an insurer licensed
to do business in the State of Hawaii reasonably satisfactory to ADC, which shall be no less than:

Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability $500,000 each occurrence/ $1,000,000 aggregate.

If the policy is written on a "claims made" form, it shall provide for an extended reporting period of not less than three (3) years.

b. Comprehensive automobile liability insurance covering all owned, hired, or non-owned vehicles, including the loading and unloading thereof on the Premises.

c. Workers' compensation insurance affording statutory limits, and employees' liability coverage with limits no less than $500,000 covering all persons admitted to the Premises under the terms of this Permit.

17. RP257-21-01 is terminated upon the effective date of this Permit.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused these presents to be executed on the dates noted below.

ADC:

STATE OF HAWAII
AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

By: 
James J. Nakatani
Its: Executive Director

Date: JUL 29 2021

PERMITTEES:

THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY

By: [Signature]

(print name)
Its: [Signature]

Date: 7/27/2021

DAVEY TREE SURGERY COMPANY

By: [Signature]

Christopher J. Bast
(print name)
Its: VP & Treasurer

Date: 7/27/2021

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Deputy Attorney General
STATE OF HAWAI'I

CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

On this 24th day of July, 2021, before me personally appeared JAMES J. NAKATANI, personally known/proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, who, being by me duly sworn or affirmed, did say that such person executed the foregoing instrument as the free act and deed of such person, and if applicable in the capacity shown, having been duly authorized to execute such instrument in such capacity.

Print: Jan Y. Ferrer
Name: Jan Y. Ferrer
Notary Public, State of Hawaii
My commission expires: 11/23/2024

(Noteary Seal or Stamp)

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Jan Y. Ferrer 7/29/2021
Signature of Notary Date of Notarization and Certification Statement

Jan Y. Ferrer (Notary Stamp or Seal)
Printed Name of Notary

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STATE OF OHIO  
COUNTY OF Portage  

On this 27 day of July, 2021, before me personally appeared Dan A. Joy, personally known/proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, who, being by me duly sworn or affirmed, did say that such person executed the foregoing instrument as the free act and deed of such person, and if applicable in the capacity shown, having been duly authorized to execute such instrument in such capacity.

(Notary Stamp or Seal)

Michael F. Brately  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires  
April 19, 2024

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Signature of Notary  
Date of Notarization and Certification Statement

Michael F. Brately  

Printed Name of Notary
On this **27** day of **July**, 2021, before me personally appeared **Christopher J. Bast**, personally known/proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, who, being by me duly sworn or affirmed, did say that such person executed the foregoing instrument as the free act and deed of such person, and if applicable in the capacity shown, having been duly authorized to execute such instrument in such capacity.

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| Michael F. Brately |

**Date of Notarization and Certification Statement:**

| 7/27/21 |

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**Printed Name of Notary:**

| Michael F. Brately |

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May 18, 2022

Subject: Request for Authorization to Seek an Opinion from the Department of the Attorney General Concerning Legal Issues Pertaining to Kekaha Agriculture Association’s Important Agricultural Lands (IAL) Petition

Applicant: Kekaha Agriculture Association (KAA)

Authority: Section 163D-4(a)(18), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS)

Location: Kekaha, Island of Kauai, Hawaii

Land Area: Portions of the Mānā plain lands, approximately 12,123 acres

Tax Map Key: (4) 1-2-002-001

Land Status: Set aside by the Governor’s Executive Order No. 4007 to the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) for Agricultural and Related Purposes

Trust Land Status: Ceded land under Section 5(b) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution?

Character of Use: Agricultural

Land Doc. Type: N/A

Term: N/A

Rental Rate: N/A

BACKGROUND:

On December 2, 2021, KAA filed a Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands (Petition) with the Land Use Commission (LUC). This Petition was assigned Docket No. DR 21-76. Through the Petition, KAA sought to have 12,123 acres of land at Kekaha, Kauai declared as important agricultural lands. The 12,123 acres of

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land were set aside for agricultural and related purposes to be under the control and management of ADC.

On March 16, 2022, the ADC Board reauthorized KAA to pursue a declaratory order to designate ADC’s Kekaha lands as IAL in accordance with HRS section 205-45. The ADC Board further provided consent, on behalf of the State of Hawaii as the fee simple landowner authorized by Executive Order No. 4007 and HRS section 171-2(11), for purposes of approving and supporting KAA’s Petition. Finally, the ADC Board authorized ADC staff to assist and cooperate with KAA as necessary to secure the designation of the Mānā plain lands as important agricultural land. A hearing on KAA’s Petition under Docket No. DR 21-76 was scheduled December 23, 2021, and thereafter rescheduled for further hearing on May 11, 2022.

On April 27, 2022, KAA filed a Motion to Amend Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands with the LUC. The purpose of the amendment was to reduce the amount of acreage from 12,123 acres to 11,863 acres.

On May 4, 2022, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) filed a Memorandum Regarding KAA’s Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands (Memorandum) with the LUC. See attached Exhibit A. The Memorandum opposed the Petition.

On May 5, 2022, ADC responded to the BLNR Memorandum. See attached Exhibit B. ADC questioned the contents of the Memorandum and noted that the late filing of the Memorandum did not provide sufficient time to thoughtfully respond to the issues raised.

On May 6, 2022, KAA advised the LUC that KAA intended to orally withdraw the Petition at the May 11, 2022 hearing as permitted by HAR section 15-15-70.

On May 11, 2022, at the LUC hearing, KAA orally moved to withdraw the Petition. The oral motion to withdraw was granted.

REQUEST:

The BLNR Memorandum raised several issues in its memorandum:

1) ADC does not meet the definition of “landowner” and therefore was not authorized to give KAA permission to seek IAL designation through HRS section 205-45;
2) ADC did not properly consult with BLNR before approving KAA’s Petition;
3) Reclassifying lands to IAL at the request of KAA violates BLNR’s public trust obligations; and
4) KAA does not meet the definition of “farmer”.

See attached Exhibit 1

DISCUSSION:
HRS section 28-3, provides that the “attorney general shall, when requested, give opinions upon questions of law submitted by the governor, the legislature, or its members, or the head of any department.” KAA has asked ADC to approach its department head for purposes of submitting a request to the Attorney General for an opinion on the questions of law raised by BLNR through its Memorandum.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accordingly, it is recommended that the ADC Board authorize ADC Staff to submit a formal request that the head of the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (prior to July 1, 2022) or the head of the Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (beginning July 1, 2022 and after), as the department to which ADC is administratively attached, asking the Attorney General for an opinion upon the following questions of law:

(1) In regard to a petition for important agricultural land designation pursuant to HRS section 205-45, for purposes of meeting the definition of “Landowner” as set forth in section 15-15-03, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), as necessary to demonstrate authorization of the applicable landowner in compliance with HAR section 15-15-121, must the landowner authorization be made by ADC pursuant to Executive Order No. 4007 and HRS section 171-2(11), which removes lands set aside to ADC by executive order from the definition of “public lands”; or DLNR based upon its reversionary interest, should some subsequent act cause the lands to regain the status of “public lands”, which would return management, administration, and control of the public lands to DLNR pursuant to HRS section 171-3;

(2) In regard to a petition for important agricultural land designation pursuant to HRS section 205-45, should the petitioner be ADC, or KAA, or both, where the petition for declaratory order to designate the lands as important agricultural lands may be filed by a farmer or a landowner;

(3) In regard to a petition for important agricultural land designation pursuant to HRS section 205-45, does an agricultural cooperative composed of farmers, organized under HRS section 421, meet the term “farmer” for purposes of filing a petition for declaratory order to designate the lands as important agricultural lands; and

(4) Should a petition to seek important agricultural lands designation for lands set aside to ADC pursuant to HRS section171-2(11) be brought under HRS section 205-44.5 or HRS section 205-45?

Respectfully Submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

“State of Hawai‘i Through Its Board of Land and Natural Resources’ Memorandum Regarding Kekaha Agriculture Association’s Petition to Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands”

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BEFORE THE LAND USE COMMISSION  
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In the Matter of the Petition of  
KEKAHA AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION, a Hawai‘i agricultural cooperative,  

For Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands for approximately 12,123 acres at Kekaha, Kauai; TMK 4-1-2-002:001 Por.  

DOCKET NO. DR 21-76  
STATE OF HAWAI‘I through its BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES’ MEMORANDUM REGARDING KEKAHA AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION’S PETITION FOR DECLARATORY ORDER TO DESIGNATE IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL LANDS  

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE  

THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I through its BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES (“BLNR”), respectfully submits its memorandum regarding KEKAHA AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION (“Petitioner” or “KAA”)’s Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands (“Petition”).¹ Primarily on the basis of  

¹ Since the December 2, 2021 Petition, KAA moved to amend said Petition on April 27, 2022.
lack of input of the BLNR in the current proposed designation involving a significant amount of public lands, the BLNR OPPOSES the Petition for the policy reasons stated below.

I. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Without any notice by Petitioner KAA to the BLNR, or approval sought from the BLNR, the Land Use Commission (LUC)'s online pending docket for declaratory orders showed a Petition of Kekaha Agriculture Association for Declaratory Order to Designate Approximately 12,123 Acres at Kekaha, Kaua‘i; TMK 4-1-2-002:001 Por. IAL. Petitioner seeks a declaratory order, citing Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) sections 205-44 and -45 and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) sections 15-15-98, -99, -120, and -121 as authority to designate approximately 95% of the “Kekaha Ag Land” (i.e., the subject property) as Important Agricultural Lands (IAL).

Petitioner ‘manages and operates agricultural infrastructure (e.g., irrigation water, drainage, roadways, and electric power systems) on land on Kaua‘i referred to as the “Kekaha Ag Lands”’ pursuant to a memorandum of agreement with the Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC). The agreement is set to expire in the year 2028. Petition, p. 2, ¶ 3. The Petitioner states that the “State of Hawai‘i owns the Kekaha Ag Lands.” Id.

Executive Order No. 4007 (E.O. 4007) set aside a portion of TMK no. (4) 1-2-002:001 to the Agribusiness Development Corporation “for agricultural and related purposes” on September 16, 2003. The set aside was for “a gross area of 12,860.642 acres and a net area\(^2\) of 12,592.133 acres” as compared with the entire parcel size of 12,996.7660

\(^2\) E.O. 4007 excluded 268.509 acres, such as Kaumualii Highway (80.225 ac), Kokee Road (25.30 ac), Polihale Road (19.38 ac), Waimea Canyon Drive (30 ac.), among others. BLNR believes these excluded roads, wells, storage areas, etc. to be either under its own control, other political subdivisions, or private individuals.
acres as indicated by the County of Kaua‘i Real Property Assessment Office website for the
TMK parcel. The county website indicates the State of Hawai‘i as the fee owner, but erroneously includes ADC.

Instead, the BLNR, on behalf of the State of Hawai‘i, is the fee owner to the
approximately 12,123 acres Petitioner originally sought to designate as IAL. The BLNR is
the head of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), which manages and
administers the public lands of the State. HRS sec. 26-15.

Despite Petitioner’s acknowledgment that the State of Hawaii owns the subject
property, the BLNR was not consulted nor served by Petitioner any notification of petition
for its intent to designate the approximately 12,123 acres of state land as IAL. Petitioner’s
records show a prior attempt to designate Kekaha Ag Lands as IAL in 2018, followed by
this current Petition. Nor has BLNR been informed by the ADC regarding this Petition or
any modification. BLNR has neither been asked to agree to, nor concurred with,
Petitioner’s designation.

In addition to being the fee owner, the BLNR owns and manages properties
adjacent/abutting the subject property. The State of Hawai‘i (through the BLNR) is the fee
simple landowner to a number of adjoining properties, many of which are zoned conservation.
Moving from the mauka eastern edge of the subject property then proceeding northerly in a

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3 Petitioner’s April 27, 2022 motion to amend its petition reduces the acreage for designation as
IAL to 11,863 acres.

4 In ADC’s January 31, 2018 ADC Board meeting minutes, ADC states it “approached DLNR
by way of letter dated January 22, 2018 about “the subject of fee simple ownership of lands set
aside to ADC by executive order”. “DLNR had not responded to ADC’s letter by the January
31, 2018 ADC Board meeting,” KAA Brief in Response to Commission’s Feb. 2 Letter, Exhibit
B (ADC Board Packet), p. 3 of 9. ADC allegedly asked DLNR for assistance in designating
ADC lands through KAA’s petition. Lack of a response was apparently interpreted by ADC as
approval by the BLNR and that ADC is the fee simple owner.
clockwise direction around the perimeter of the proposed designated property, the State owns the following properties:

- TMK no. (4) 1-2-002:027 Agricultural lot (48.777 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-002:029 Por Hawaiian Home Land of Waimea (25.686 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-001:006 Puu Ka Pele Forest Reserve (4,898.988 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-001:001 Beach Reserve (431.0 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-002:024 Portion of Bonham Air Base/Polihale State Park (132.48 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-002:025 Former Mana Airport (69.562 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-002:009 Dump (35.67 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-002:036 State of Hawaii Leased Land (66.788 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-002:040 Kaumualii Hwy (132.58 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-002:032 Kuhio Hwy (28.63 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-002:007 Kaumualii Hwy (16.40 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-006:018 State of Hawaii Waimea Heights House Lots (57.6930 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-011:016 Off Waimea Canyon Dr. (5.01 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-5-001:002 State Agricultural lot (3,867.6210 ac)
- TMK no. (4) 1-2-001:003 Puu Ka Pele (527.422 ac)

Adjoining lands to the subject property are over 10,244 acres in area according to TMK information on the Kaua‘i County Real Property website showing the “State of Hawaii” as fee owner.

As far as can be determined, this is the first instance of state public lands being proposed by a person or entity other than the DLNR or Department of Agriculture.\(^5\)

II. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS AGAINST DESIGNSATION BY DECLARATORY ORDER IN DR 21-76

There are at least three procedures for designation of state public lands in LUC statutes and rules: by boundary amendment in HRS section 205-4, by collaboration of the Department of Agriculture and DLNR in HRS section 205-44.5, and by petition by a farmer or landowner for

\(^5\) Petitioner states,

KAA understands that its Petition is the first, or among the first, to seek to designate land that is not privately owned, but is owned by the state, and to be brought not by a private landowner but by farmers who farm the land and whose agricultural operations will directly benefit from the support afforded by IAL designation.

declaratory order in HRS section 205-45. Of the three, the latter appears to be less rigorous to ascertaining the rights and position of any landowner if the petition is made by a “farmer”.

A. The BLNR through DLNR exercises fee simple ownership on behalf of the State.

Petitioner erroneously refers in its Petition to the ADC as the fee owner giving authorization in its petition.\(^6\) When public lands are set aside by executive order under HRS section 171-11, the State of Hawai‘i continues to own all the property, and has the reversionary management interest. Under Executive Order (E.O.) 4007, the ADC was given management authority for TMK no. (4) 1-2-002:001. E.O. 4007 mandates that public lands be set aside for the following public purposes:

For agriculture and related purposes, to be under the control and management of the Agribusiness Development Corporation...Subject, however, to the condition that upon cancellation of this executive order or in the event that non-use or abandonment of the premises or any portion thereof for a continuous period of one (1) year, or for any reason whatsoever, the Agribusiness Development Corporation shall, within a reasonable time, restore the premises to a condition satisfactory and acceptable to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii. (Emphasis added).

As stated, E.O. 4007 did not and does not transfer an absolute fee simple ownership\(^7\) of the subject property to the Agribusiness Development Corporation (“ADC”); but merely transfers control and management of the subject property.\(^8\) Although the ADC may issue a

\(^6\) Petition, p. 5, ¶ 1; KAA’s response to LUC

\(^7\) “With fee simple ownership the grantee or successful claimant became entitled to all the incidents and privileges which attach to that status by operation of the common law or Hawaiian custom and usage.” State by Kobayashi v. Zimring, 58 Haw. 106, 139, 566 P.2d 725, 744 (1977) Black’s Law Dictionary defines “fee simple” as the “term applying to total ownership of land and all of the buildings on it.”

\(^8\) If the State intended to transfer fee simple ownership and the department, agency, or political subdivision possessed powers conferred by the Legislature which allowed it to own land, then a warranty deed or even a quitclaim could suffice; or the Legislature could create an exception to the definition of “public land” in HRS sec. 171-2 to remove the land from chapter 171 controls. This is not the case here.
land disposition such as a lease, easement, license, revocable permit, etc., unless the disposition is for less than 14 days, an agency given managerial jurisdiction such as the ADC is still required under section 171-11 to seek the BLNR’s prior approval before such a land disposition may be made, ensuring that the disposition is be consistent with the public purpose that the lands were set aside under the executive order.

Under HRS section 171-11, if set aside lands are either not used or required for the described public use in the E.O., the BLNR has the prerogative to make any further land disposition less than the fee interest for purposes that are either consistent or inconsistent with those in the E.O. Land set aside may also be cancelled or withdrawn, the latter of which previously occurred for E.O. 4007 on September 17, 2010, under E.O. 4330, as signed by then-Governor Linda Lingle, and subject to disapproval of the Legislature by two-thirds vote.9

B. **DR 21-76 sets a precedent for designation of public lands without BLNR input**

Without having been given an opportunity to discuss the merits or pitfalls of Petitioner’s petition, the BLNR is concerned with this treatment of public lands going forward. As public lands under the BLNR’s jurisdiction have not yet been designated as IAL, we are particularly concerned of the implications of designation by this process. A precedent may be set which includes confusing and seemingly contradictory treatment in procedures and notice requirements.

Lands owned by the State of Hawai‘i are being declared IAL without any consultation, evaluation, or input by the BLNR as to other attributes of the public lands— including the presence of historic or prehistoric remains, historical properties, sites of cultural significance; geological features, rare, endangered,

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9 On Sept. 8, 2006, BLNR approved the withdrawal of 19,500 square feet.
threatened, or indigenous species; introduced species which impact any natural resource; access for traditional and customary practices, hunting, fishing, water, the statewide trail system, endangered species, or any reserved interest in the property, such as minerals and metallic mines, or native rights. The proposal does not address or appear to be required to specifically address, the effects of designation on the State's adjoining properties and easements.

C. **Designation under DR 21-76 has unintended consequences to public lands without BLNR input**

If designated as IAL, Part III of HRS chapter 205 allows a number of incentives to follow, including tax credits, farm dwellings and employee housing, processing facilities. See HRS sections 205-45.5, -46, -46.5. Housing and dwellings are examples of structures not usually allowed by the BLNR, as being inconsistent with the public purpose of a set aside under an E.O., or most public land dispositions under HRS chapter 171.

BLNR's representation of the State is under the Constitution and through statute, includes public trust duties and responsibilities to public lands and associated natural resources. None of these responsibilities should be supplanted by the private interests of KAA, nor can the DLNR's agency expertise or representation be substituted by other state or county agencies. The further transfer of management upon designation could cause a conflict between agencies if their constitutional and statutory mandates are taken into account.

In contrast, reclassification of the lands to IAL without BLNR approval materially impacts BLNR's authority under HRS section 171-11, as the authority to manage,
administer, and exercise control over public lands designated IAL is transferred to the Department of Agriculture. HRS section 171-3. This differs from any cancellation or withdrawal of lands from a section 171-11 set aside, which would enable the State through the BLNR to set aside the lands to another state or county agency, or allow any other disposition.

D. Qualifications of Petitioner KAA under HRS section 205-45

As an agricultural cooperative managing agricultural infrastructure, KAA is not a farmer, although it may be composed of farmers. Petition, p. 2, ¶¶ 2, 3.

KAA is also not a landowner, and as stated above, operates under a managerial agreement with ADC rather than hold a traditional property interest in land. As far as we are aware, KAA has not disclosed this agreement with ADC by which it exercises its management of Kekaha Ag Lands. The agreement will lapse in about six years.

Given the extensive amount of state lands proposed for designation by Petitioner, which qualifications under HRS section 205-45 appear marginal, we believe that under the circumstances, denial of the Petition or Amended Petition (if amendment is granted) at this juncture is warranted.

III. CONCLUSION

Based on the above, respectfully, it is the testimony of the BLNR that the appropriate outcome is for the Land Use Commission to deny this Petition, or Petition as amended.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai‘i, May 3, 2022

[Signature]

SUZANNE D. CASE, Chairperson
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May 5, 2022

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Re: Petition by Kekaha Agriculture Association for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands for Approximately 12, 123 acres at Kekaha, Kauai under Docket No. DR 21-76

Dear Executive Director Orodenker and Members of the Land Use Commission:

The above referenced Petition is presently scheduled for a continued hearing on May 11, 2022, having previously been heard on December 23, 2021. The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) was extremely disheartened to receive a copy of the Board of Land and Natural Resources’ Memorandum Regarding Kekaha Agriculture Association’s (KAA) Petition for Declaratory Order to Designate Important Agricultural Lands (BLNR Memorandum), which was filed with the Land Use Commission on May 4, 2022. The BLNR Memorandum raises significant issues. However, some of these issues are factually inaccurate. The late filing of the memorandum, a mere five business days before the scheduled hearing, does not allow sufficient time to prepare a thoughtful response that would aid the Commission in its decision making.

At this point in time, suffice it to say that the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR), or a designated representative, serves as an ex-officio, voting member of the ADC Board. See section 163D-3(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The representative of the BLNR that sits on the ADC Board has been aware of KAA’s pursuit of Important Agricultural Land designation since January 2018. See HDCA/ADC website available at www.hdoa.hawaii.gov/adc/meetings for ADC Board meeting agendas, meeting attendance, and minutes.

ADC would like to further clarify that the Hawaii Legislature did create an exception that allows “lands that are set aside by the governor to the agribusiness development corporation, lands leased to the agribusiness development corporation by any department or agency of the State, or lands to which the agribusiness development corporation in its corporate capacity holds title” to be excluded from the definition of “public lands.” See section 171-2(11), HRS.
ADC would like to take this opportunity to thank the Commission for their time and efforts in bringing the State’s goal of increased local agricultural production and food security to fruition. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at james.nakatani@hawaii.gov.

Sincerely,

James J. Nakatani
Executive Director

c: KAA
   ADC board members
Executive Director’s Update

May 18, 2022

2022 Legislative Session

The adjournment sine die for the 2022 Legislative Session was on May 5, 2022. The ADC tracked the following bills as it made its way through the legislative process:

- **SB 2480 – Relating to the Wahiawa Irrigation System**
  
  This measure authorizes the issuance of bonds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Department of Agriculture, and ADC to purchase the Wahiwa Irrigation System, which includes Lake Wilson. This measure failed to make it out of conference, but funding was appropriated to the various departments to address this critical issue.

- **SB2473 – Relating to Economic Development**
  
  This measure transfers the ADC from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism. The bill also amends the focus, scope, and management of the ADC. This measure passed out of conferring and passed both the House and Senate Chambers and is effective July 1, 2022.

The ADC received the following appropriations from the Legislature for Capital Improvement Projects:

1. **Agricultural Infrastructure Improvements, Oahu - $4,000,000**
   
   Plans, design, construction, and equipment for agricultural infrastructure improvements, which includes improvements for the 3 deep wells.

2. **Kekaka Ditch Irrigation System Modification, Kauai - $3,500,000**
   
   Plans, design, construction, and equipment for modification to the Kekaha ditch irrigation system, which includes modifications to the stream diversions pursuant to settlement agreement with Earth Justice.

3. **Waiahole Water System Improvements, Kunia, Oahu - $5,000,000**
Plans, design, construction, and equipment for improvements to the Waiahole Water System and appurtenant works, which includes a back-up well and enclosing problematic and hazardous sections of the open ditch system.

4. Wahiawa Reclaimed Water Irrigation System, Oahu - $1,620,000

Design for a new wastewater reclaimed water irrigation system at the Wahiawa Wastewater Treatment Plant. Additional design funding needed to construct the system in phases.

The ADC also received funding for 2 full-time positions, 1 accountant, and 1 asset manager.

REPI/Encroachment Partnering – Whitmore Annex Update

The ADC is awaiting the establishment of a sub-account for funds received from the sale of a restrictive use easement to the U.S. Navy. The funds received will be used for improvements in and around the Whitmore community. The ADC is continuing its discussions with the U.S. Navy to sell restrictive use easements (RUE) on ADC lands surrounding the Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam (JBPHH) Wahiawa Annex. The Navy has an interest in preventing interference with the transmission of communications, preserve the agricultural use of the land, and prevent other uses that would be incompatible with the military mission and operations and has the capability and funding to pay the fair market value of an RUE, up to 50% of the full value of the underlying fee simple interest.
In 2016, the ADC acquired 195 acres in Whitmore (Priority Area 1) from the Trust For Public Lands (TPL). TPL first purchased the 195 acres and simultaneously placed an RUE on the property and transferred the encumbered property to ADC at half the value of the fee, saving the State $1.8 million.