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Dear Mr. McDermott:

**SUBJECT: Chapter 6E-8 and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Review –
Archaeological Data Recovery Plan for Eight Historic Properties (SIHP #s 50-80-14-2918,
-2963, 5820, -5966, -7190, -7427, -7428, and -7429) in the City Center (Section 4) of the
Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project
Honolulu Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, Island of O'ahu
TMKs: (1) 1-5, 2-1, and 2-3 (various)**

Thank you for the opportunity to review this revised draft report titled *Archaeological Data Recovery Plan for Eight Historic Properties (SIHP #s 50-80-14-2918, -2963, 5820, -5966, -7190, -7427, -7428, and -7429) in the City Center (Section 4) of the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project, Honolulu Ahupua'a, Honolulu (Kona) District, Island of O'ahu TMKs:[1] Sections: 1-5, 2-1, and 2-3 (Various Plats and Parcels)* (Yucha et al., January 2014). We received this submittal on January 7, 2014. The archaeological inventory survey (AIS) report for City Center (Section 4) was reviewed and accepted by SHPD on August 26, 2013 (Log No. 2013.2564, 2013.4338; Doc. No. 1308SL21).

The data recovery plan addresses eight historic properties in the eastern-most 4.3 miles (6.9 km) of the Honolulu High-Capacity Transit Corridor. The project area and Area of Potential Effect (APE) acreages covered by the data recovery plan correlate with the project's direct ground disturbance which consists of about 604,289 square feet or 13.87 acres.

The data recovery plan addresses the eight historic properties summarized in Table 1. The plan provides an adequate discussion of the regulatory context; the eight historic properties; the data recovery research questions, data requirements, and sampling strategies; and the general field and laboratory methods and analyses. The AIS overview sections describing the project background, environmental setting, cultural and historical background, and previous investigations, and detailed historic property descriptions are included as appendices.

Table 1. Eight Historic Properties Selected for Data Recovery

| SIHP | Description | Significance (HR/NR) |
|---------------|--|----------------------|
| 50-80-14-2918 | Cultural deposit, human burials | d, e / D |
| 50-80-14-2963 | Cultural deposit, pond sediments, human burials, animal burials | d, e / D |
| 50-80-14-5820 | Cultural deposit, human burials | d, e / D |
| 50-80-14-5966 | Kawa Fishpond | d / D |
| 50-80-14-7190 | Salt pan remnants | d / D |
| 50-80-14-7427 | Infrastructure remnants, cultural deposits, human skeletal element | d, e / D |
| 50-80-14-7428 | Cultural deposit, infrastructure remnant | d / D |
| 50-80-14-7429 | Cultural deposit, human skeletal element | d, e / D |

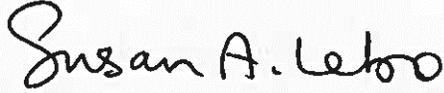
The revisions adequately address the concerns and issues raised in our earlier correspondence (January 2, 2014; Log No. 2013.6108, Doc. No. 1401SL01). We believe that this report meets the requirements of Hawaii Administrative Rule (HAR) §13-278-3 and the *Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Archaeology and Historic Preservation*.

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The data recovery plan is accepted by SHPD. Please send one hardcopy of the document, clearly marked **FINAL**, along with a copy of this review letter and a text-searchable PDF version on CD to the Kapolei SHPD office.

Please contact me at (808) 692-8019 or at Susan.A.Lebo@hawaii.gov if you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan A. Lebo". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a light gray rectangular background.

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