

**CHRISTOPHER M. MONAHAN, PH.D. DIRECT TESTIMONY**

**PRESENTATION HEARING**

**Department of Veterans Affairs Multi-Specialty Outpatient Clinic (KAL 21-006)**

**Q Please state your name, place of employment, and position.**

A Christopher M. Monahan, Ph.D., President and Founder of TCP Hawai'i.

**Q How long have you been in this position?**

A I founded TCP Hawai'i in 2006.

**Q Please describe the nature of services that TCP Hawai'i provides.**

A TCP Hawai'i specializes in cultural resource management, including community relations and consultation with Native Hawaiian organizations and individuals, government agencies, large landowners, developers, and trusts. TCP Hawai'i has completed over 100 projects for public and private clients, providing, for example, archaeological surveys and mitigation plans, burial treatment studies for regulatory and non-regulatory undertakings, cultural impact assessments, and ethno-historical studies.

**Q Please describe your educational background and experience.**

A Please see my resume, which is marked as an exhibit in this proceeding.

**Q What has TCP Hawai'i been retained to do for this Project?**

A Hunt Communities Hawaii, LLC retained TCP Hawai'i to conduct a literature review and field inspection for the 49.68-acre Hunt Parcel 1 (TMK 9-1-013: 002) a portion of which will comprise the VA Clinic site. In addition to conducting archival research, TCP Hawai'i conducted fieldwork on June 8, 2018, and January 13, 2020.

**Q Please describe the results of the literature review and fieldwork and current status of the SHPD process for this Project.**

A In addition to conducting archival research, TCP Hawai'i conducted site fieldwork on June 8, 2018, and January 13, 2020, which included a 100% pedestrian survey of the entire parcel to identify potential historic properties.

This research and site work indicates that the parcel has been completely grubbed and graded at least two times: 1) in the 1940s (when it was prepared for construction/build

out for military structures); and 2) in the 1970s (when the parcel was cleared of all structures). During the field inspection, TCP found rectilinear “structural pads” of degraded asphalt and mechanically compacted sediment. The degraded asphalt areas represent old driveways and common areas around which were structural (small building) pads associated with the former use of the area for a military base. TCP requested a State Inventory of Historic Places (SIHP) number for these circa World War II features. TCP also recommended archeological monitoring during construction activities due to the potential presence of subsurface pit caves (sink holes) that could not be observed from the ground surface.

By letter dated October 30, 2020, the Hawai‘i Community Development Authority (HCDA) submitted the literature review and field inspection report to the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and requested SHPD’s concurrence with the determination of “No historic properties affected” based on the historic-preservation fieldwork, literature review, and documentation completed by TCP Hawai‘i.

SHPD responded in a letter dated December 22, 2020 and requested a draft archaeological monitoring plan (AMP) meeting the requirements of HAR §13-279-4 be submitted for SHPD review and acceptance. Subsequently, in a letter dated February 11, 2021 from HCDA to SHPD, HCDA noted that TCP Hawai‘i sent a draft AMP to SHPD on December 29, 2020. In a letter to HCDA dated March 31, 2021, SHPD confirmed receipt of the draft AMP and requested revisions before acceptance. On April 13, 2021 HCDA transmitted the revised AMP to SHPD for acceptance. By letter dated May 20, 2021, SHPD accepted the revised AMP. See Appendix C to Project Development Permit Application.

**Q Please describe measures that will be taken to ensure adherence to the requirements of the AMP.**

The AMP requires that prior to starting on the project, each individual that will be working on site shall undergo an orientation that outlines the provisions and requirements described in the AMP. This orientation shall foster an awareness of the requirement to have a minimum of one archaeologist on site to monitor each ground disturbing activity, the archaeologist’s authority to halt ground disturbing activities to investigate or record possible resource finds, and will identify the person or persons responsible for coordinating the schedule for activities that require archaeological monitoring, in order to ensure one or more archaeologists are on site to monitor project activities as required by this plan.

Additionally, the AMP includes a stipulation that the construction personnel responsible for the scheduling and coordination of ground disturbing activities are acquainted with the archaeological monitoring professional(s) on a minimum of a quarterly basis to update contact information and ensure the required coordination is facilitated.

Lastly, the AMP includes a stipulation that the developer is responsible for keeping a log to keep track of all the project personnel who have received the archaeological monitoring requirements briefing.

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