

COUNTY OF HAWAI‘I PLANNING DEPARTMENT
ADDENDUM

MICHAEL STEHLE AND LISA DOGETT-STEHLER
SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA USE PERMIT APPLICATION
(PL-SMA-2025-000081)

Following the distribution of the background and recommendation reports, the Planning Department received comments from the Department of Land and Natural Resources – State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) (**Exhibit 7- Letter dated July 15, 2025 from SHPD**). SHPD recommends that the applicant completes an archaeological field inspection by a qualified archaeologist to identify and record any surface historic properties that may exist in the project area or to gather sufficient information to claim that no significant historic properties are likely to be present within the project area.

The applicant states that no formal archaeological survey was conducted specifically for this project. The subject property is located within an existing developed residential community which indicates that any resources in this area may have been lost, removed or disturbed. The applicant also states that historical aerial imagery from 1965 shows the property was previously cleared and has remained undeveloped for several decades, suggesting a low likelihood of significant archaeological resources being present. The applicant has committed to ceasing work immediately and contacting SHPD and the County Planning Department if any archaeological or historical resources are inadvertently discovered during construction activities.

The Planning Director agrees with SHPD’s recommendation for the preparation of a field inspection, which will provide SHPD with sufficient information to determine that no significant historic properties will be affected within the project area.

Based on the preceding the following condition will be added to the Director’s recommendation and subsequent conditions will be renumbered.

3. Prior to any land altering activities, the applicant shall prepare and provide the Planning Director with a copy of an archaeological field inspection, and written approval from the State Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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Hello,

Attached is a pdf copy of our division's review of the following:

Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 6E-42 Historic Preservation Review
County of Hawaiʻi Special Management Area Use Permit (Permit PL-SMA-2025-000081)
Applicants: Michael Stehle and Lisa Doggett-Stehle (Landowners)
Keauohana and Kehena Ahupuaʻa, Puna District, Island of Hawaiʻi
TMK: (3) 1-2-030:012

Sincerely,

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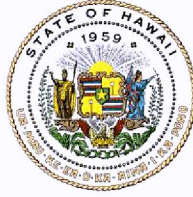
Notes:

SHPD provides determinations only in writing.

Additionally, SHPD accepts submittals via HICRIS only. Do not submit your project materials via email or US mail.

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July 15, 2025

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IN REPLY REFER TO:
Project No.: 2025PR00644
Doc. No.: 2507SN05
Archaeology

Dear Jeff Darrow:

SUBJECT: **Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 6E-42 Historic Preservation Review
County of Hawai'i Special Management Area Use Permit (Permit PL-SMA-2025-000081)
Applicants: Michael Stehle and Lisa Doggett-Stehle (Landowners)
Keauohana and Kehena Ahupua'a, Puna District, Island of Hawai'i
TMK: (3) 1-2-030:012**

This letter provides the State Historic Preservation Division's (SHPD's) review of the subject County of Hawai'i permit to build a single-family residence and related improvements on the subject property located at Lot 54, Kehena Beach Estates in Pāhoa, Puna, Hawai'i. SHPD received the submittal on June 5, 2025 which included construction plans, the SMA Permit application, TMK map, shoreline survey report, and aerial photographs of the project area.

The applicants propose the construction of a three (3) story, 3,548 square-foot single-family residence. The parcel is zoned Agricultural 1-acre (A-1a). All proposed improvements will be located outside of the shoreline setback. A certified shoreline survey for the property was obtained in May 2024 and determined the property area to be 9,503 square feet. The proposed project area consists of the entire 0.27-acre parcel.

A review of SHPD records indicates that there has been no adequate archaeological inventory survey undertaken on this property. SHPD currently is unable to determine the extent of previous disturbance on the entirety of the proposed project area based on current information.

At this time, SHPD has insufficient information to make a determination regarding the potential for the subject project to impact historic properties. **SHPD requests an archaeological field inspection (FI)** be conducted of the project area by a qualified archaeologist to identify and record any surface historic properties that may exist in the project area or to gather sufficient information to claim no significant historic properties area likely to be present within the project area pursuant to HAR §13-284-5(b)(2).

If historic properties are identified, **SHPD requests** the project proponent and their archaeological firm consult our office regarding the completing an AIS survey and, if appropriate, a proposed testing strategy for our review and approval prior to the initiation of the AIS and any ground disturbance work on the property. Additionally, all historic properties must be assigned a State Inventory of Historic Places (SIHP) site number, be documented, including site maps, description, GPS data, and assessed for integrity and site significance pursuant to HAR §13-284-6 Criteria a-e.

For a list of approved archeological consultants in the State of Hawaii please visit the State Historic Preservation Division's website: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/shpd/>

Jeff Darrow
July 15, 2025
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Please contact Sean Naleimaile, Hawai'i Island Archaeologist IV, at sean.p.naleimaile@hawaii.gov, or any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Aloha,



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