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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
**Proj. #: 2018PR27982**  
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Dear Carty Chang:

**RE: Hawaii Revised Statues § 6E-8 and 10 Historic Preservation Review  
Ala Wai Canal Dredging and Improvements Project  
Waikiki, Honolulu, Island of Oahu, Hawaii  
TMK: (1) 2-3-034:000, 033; (1) 2-3-036:000; (1) 2-7-036:001**

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed project pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) § 6E-8 and 10. The State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) received this submittal on September 29, 2022; which includes a Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) addendum and change in scope of work for the original proposed project submitted to SHPD on June 2, 2021.

The original scope of work for the Ala Wai Canal Dredging and Improvements Project included dredging the Ala Wai Canal, repairing two sections of the canal wall, repairing miscellaneous cracks and voids in the canal walls as necessary, and encasement of eleven stairs leading to the canal. SHPD concurred with DLNR's determination of "effect with proposed mitigation commitments" and accepted HAER documentation as mitigation for the effect (see Log No. 2018.01784/ Doc. No. 1905TGM06 and Log No. 2018.01784/Doc. No. 1908TGM18).

The revised scope of work includes encasing and creating barriers to seven of the eleven Ala Wai Canal stairwells with a modified design. The new design is intended to enhance safety and stability while preserving the stairwells in place and retaining the Ala Wai Canal's historic integrity. In addition to the revised scope of work, DLNR submitted additional mitigation in the form of an addendum to the HAER documentation. The addendum includes documentation of the Ala Wai Canal stairwells. The National Park Service accepted the HAER addendum on August 4, 2022.

SHPD has reviewed the submittal and maintain's our concurrence with the determination of "**effect with proposed mitigation commitments**," pursuant to HAR § 13-275-7. Additionally, the HAER addendum is consistent with the mitigation commitments identified in our letter (Log No. 2018.01784/Doc. No. 1905TGM06) dated May 31, 2019, SHPD requires no further work or corrections and accepts the above cited addendum as the final draft. Please submit a final copy of the HAER documentation with addendum to the SHPD Library.

If you have any questions about this undertaking or if there is a change to the scope of work, please contact Jessica Puff, Architecture Branch Chief, at (808) 692-8015 or by email at [jessica.puff@hawaii.gov](mailto:jessica.puff@hawaii.gov).

Sincerely,

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