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RE: Final Environmental Assessment and Findings of No Significant Impact for the Barbers Point Solar Project, 'Ewa District, O'ahu; TMKs 9-1-013:038, 9-1-013:040, and 9-1-016:027

Dear Interested Party,

The Final Environmental Assessment (Final EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Barbers Point Solar Project (Project) will be published by the Environmental Review Program (ERP)¹ in the January 8, 2022 edition of *The Environmental Notice*. The document can be accessed via the links provided below; the link will become active on the date of publication. To reduce file size and assist interested parties with easier download, the Final EA has been divided into three volumes. Hard copies of the Final EA have been provided to the Hawaii State Library (478 S. King Street, Honolulu) and Kapolei Library (590 Farrington Hwy, Kapolei).

http://oeqc2.doh.hawaii.gov/Doc_Library/2022-01-08-OA-FEA-Barbers-Point-Solar-Project-Vol-1.pdf

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The Project involves construction and operation of a 15-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic system coupled with a 15 MW, 4-hour (60 MW-hour) photovoltaic coupled battery energy storage system as well as ancillary support infrastructure located in east Kalaeloa, 'Ewa District, on the Island of O'ahu. The Project area encompasses approximately 163-acres primarily located within tax map keys (TMKs): 9-1-013:038 and :040, located east of Kalaeloa Airport and Coral Sea Road and both owned by Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). It is anticipated that the total combined footprint of the Project components located on DHHL lands will be less than 100 acres, of which the solar panels will cover approximately 45 acres. The Project will help the State of Hawai'i achieve its energy goals of generating 100 percent of the state's energy from renewable sources. The Project would interconnect with Hawaiian Electric's island-wide grid via overhead and underground electrical transmission lines located within right-of-way owned by Hawai'i Department of Transportation (Coral Sea Road and Roosevelt Avenue) as well as within a portion of TMK 9-1-016:027 (owned by Kapolei Infrastructure, LLC). The power generated by the Project would be sold to Hawaiian Electric under a new 25-year power purchase agreement. At the end of the Project's operational life, the facilities would be decommissioned, and the Project area would be returned to substantially the same condition as existed prior to Project development.

¹ Formally called the Office of Environmental Quality Control

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In accordance with the requirements of HRS Chapter 343 and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §11-200.1, a Draft EA was prepared and submitted to the ERP for publication in the October 8, 2021 edition of *The Environmental Notice*. The public comment period ran from October 8, 2021 to November 8, 2021 and a public information meeting was held October 20th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm Hawaii Standard Time². The meeting was held via the WebEx platform due to COVID-19 restrictions. Comments were received from a total of 26 commenting parties. In accordance with HAR §11-200.1-20, comments received on the Draft EA were considered and incorporated into the Final EA, as appropriate, and copies of the comments received and responses provided are included in Appendix L of the FEA (see Volume 3 of the Final EA publication links). Based upon the analysis and findings presented in the Final EA, implementation of the Project is not expected to result in a significant adverse direct, indirect, or cumulative impact on the quality of the environment. As such, DHHL issued a FONSI in accordance with HRS Chapter 343. This determination is based on an evaluation of the Project impacts in relation to the significance criteria specified in HAR §11-200.1-13, as detailed in Section 6.1 of the Final EA.

Thank you for your participation in the environmental review process for the proposed Project. For more information on the Project, we encourage you to visit the Project's website at <https://www.innergex.com/hawaii/barbers-point/>. Please do not hesitate to contact us by email barberspointsolar@innergex.com if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas.

Sincerely,

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² A recording of the public information meeting, including slides of the presentation provided at the meeting, can be viewed here: <https://www.innergex.com/hawaii/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Barbers-Point-Solar-Project-Virtual-Open-House-20211021-0332-1-1.mp4>.