

Exhibit F

Lalamilo Farmers Meeting with Mayor Kim
Concerning the Proposed Kawaihae Road – Mamalahoa Highway Connector Road
January 5, 2006
Hilo, Hawaii County Building

A. From inception in the late 1950's and through it's development in the 1960's through 1980's, Lalamilo Farm Lots was intended as an acceptable area for expansion of independent, viable, intensive agricultural entities that would relieve the limited Puu Kapu farm district of Waimea. Early concerns revolved around an overly crowded/limited land availability condition, which is replaced today by an expanding urban encroachment/ commercial development condition. It is fair to say that today's concerns carry far more severity in comparison.

The existing twenty-seven (27) farm lots comprise phase one of the originally envisioned three phases for the Lalamilo Farm Lots. As is the case, phase one was earmarked for intensive cultivation as vegetable crops, while phases two and three were never developed. Phase two was to become nursery and ornamental crops, while phase three was envisioned as small intensive livestock farms for pigeries and poultry. Thus, the original position by the State Department of Agriculture and Land and Natural Resources was significant in it's overall vision and scope of commitment for the Lalamilo agricultural tract.

Intentionally positioned "down-wind" in a south-westerly direction of the Waimea town proper, Lalamilo would assure a safe margin of relative isolation that would promote the expanded "intensive" farming practices without any adverse impact to the overall community. Lalamilo was not the most ideal location for the farmers in the early 1960's however, the availability of these lands were better than the lack of any other option. Thus, due to the relative marginal terrain and soil conditions of the new Lalamilo Farm Lots from the onset, considerable efforts had to be invested in "claiming" these tracts as airable, cultivatable, viable farms. It is accurate to state that from ten (10) to one hundred (100) tons of rock had to be removed per acre to achieve these results. Methods of extraction ranged from crude, pre-hydraulic, cable drive crawler/tractors in the early years to current technology equipment, dynamite, hand tools and of course, the backs and hands of the farmers themselves.

Significant efforts and costs were incurred in developing the water resources and transmission system necessary for the Lalamilo Farm Lots to become an agricultural reality. These systems are still in place, are actively used daily, and will always be the "life-line" of economic viability for the Lalamilo Farmers. Ongoing maintenance and protection of the Hamakua/South Kohala watershed and the Lalamilo transmission system is critical.

Needless to say, there are many stories that several of the remaining second generation farmers could recount of the development of their respective farms in Lalamilo back in the early days. There are many third generation farmers still pursuing their family farming heritage's in Lalamilo and who are seriously planning for the next succession of their operations.

Development of a connector road through, or adjacent to, the Lalamilo Farm Lots will most certainly have an irreversibly adverse impact on all of the attributes intentionally established at the onset to assure a long-range permanent home for truck farming, with as little impact to the community of Waimea. Careless, uninformed planning and construction of this connector road will create and promote future new encroachment of the Lalamilo Farm Lots that will eventually choke-out viable farming as we know it today. An irresponsible and tragic consequence.

B. Contrary to the County's impression; a connector road between Mamalahoa Highway, adjacent to the Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Cooperative plant or State Tree Nursery at Lalamilo Farm Road, and Kawaihae Road, adjacent to the Hilo Electric, State and County Base Yards, will not noticeably alleviate the ever-increasing east-west cross-island traffic flow through the Waimea Community. The morning and afternoon congestion is directly attributed to the commuter-migration from the Hamakua-Hilo coast to West Hawaii-Kona destinations and back. To make a \$10 million investment in a connector road that will not have any positive impact in solving this adverse condition would be a gross miss-appropriation of financial resources and social folly at the account of all Hawaii County taxpayers and most especially, the Lalamilo farmers who have made countless contributions to the Waimea community and Hawaii County, for generations.

The farmers of Lalamilo have submitted their considerable comments, concerns and position for the long-range traffic congestion resolution as associated with the Mud Land to Waimea/ Waimea to Kawaihae Bypass Highway in a letter dated July 7, 2005, to Mr. Ronald Tsuzuki, State Department of Transportation, which was copied to Mr. Bruce McClure, Director, Hawaii County Department of Public Works. Neither the State of Hawaii nor the Hawaii County recipients have acknowledged or responded to this submittal.

C. Proposed "Partial" Solutions to the Waimea community traffic crisis are suggested as follows:

Kawaihae Road

- 1) Create a left-turn lane into the HPA Middle School campus that could accommodate at least four (4) to six (6) automobiles so as to not impede the east-bound traffic flow.

Mamalahoa Highway

- 1) Create a right-turn lane on to Lindsey Road to promote unimpeded access to the Post Office and Parker Ranch Center.
- 2) Create a new lane, between the Lindsey Road/Kawaihae Road intersection to the Kamamalu Road intersection, to duplicate the very successful "Contra" lane utilized in Keaau and throughout Honolulu. Unfortunately this would require the culmination of the divider island through the middle of Waimea town however, this additional lane could have significant impact on the morning west-bound and afternoon east-bound traffic by unimpeding it's flow. There is considerable paved and unused margin fronting the Church Row park directly across from the Civic Center to draw from.
- 3) Create a designated left-turn lane into the Parker Ranch Center for west-bound traffic.
- 4) Extend the east-bound right lane fronting the North Hawaii Community Hospital past the Kamamalu intersection to the area fronting Don's Pake Kitchen in Puu Kapu.
- 5) Extend the designated left-turn lane to accommodate more automobiles at the Kamamalu intersection.

The above suggestions are based on the current traffic problem at-hand and take into consideration potential or underutilized resources that appear to be available within the Waimea community. They are most certainly not intended as the long-term solution, which can only be resolved by the ultimate relief that the long-proposed Mud Lane to Waimea/Waimea to Kawaihae Bypass Highway is intended to bring.

We would like to request that the County of Hawaii invest itself within the Waimea community traffic problem to obtain a keen "on-site" evaluation of this condition in order to develop a plan of action that will truly contribute to some relief for the immediate future. Both the Waimea Community Association and the Lalamilo Farmers have verbally submitted to the Hawaii County Director of Public Works their reservation toward the very questionable relief the connector road would provide, and their desire to see the available monies earmarked for the Waimea area, be invested toward more realistic solutions at the "site of the problem".

In closing, the on-going island wide growth of the County of Hawaii will continue to present an every escalating challenge to the Waimea community as the serviceability of Mamalahoa Highway for cross-island traffic will only continue to erode.

Respectfully Submitted

*Mayor Kim did not make this meeting.
Apparently sick, no forwarding to the
Waimea farmers*

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Kamuela Vacuum Cooling Coop.

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Lalamilo Farm Lots

Looking North, up Puu Huluhulu Road
Toward Waimea Town