

**COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**

PUBLIC NOTICE
July 22, 2024

This Notice is paid by NMHC with HUD funds.

**COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE
OF FUNDS**

Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
Saipan, MP 96950 Tel: (670) 234-9447/6866

This notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after **August 07, 2024**, the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Honolulu Field Office, for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383), as amended, to undertake the following projects and purposes in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

Project/Activity Type	Purpose	Location	Total Project Cost
New Construction: Community Pavilions Shelter (Rota)	Construct Community Pavilions to provide shelters and enhance Rota's municipal and community recreational activities and outdoor events.	Community and Economic Development Park Lot No. 347 R 35, Sinapalo III, Rota	\$104,100.00

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has determined that the above-listed projects will not significantly impact the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, and may be examined or copied during regular work hours, Monday through Friday except CNMI or Austerity Holidays, from 7:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS


Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the projects may submit written comments to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950, or direct delivery to the central office in Garapan, Saipan. All comments received by **August 07, 2024, 4:30 p.m.**, will be considered by the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenters should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands certifies to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD Honolulu Field Office that the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Governor Arnold I. Palacios consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD Honolulu Field Office acceptance of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities and allows the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands to use Program Funds.

OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HUD Honolulu Field Office will accept objections to its release of funds and the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands certification for a period of **fifteen days** following anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands; (b) the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has incurred cost not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of the release of funds by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures of 24 CFR Part 58 and shall be addressed to the **U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Community Planning and Development, Honolulu Field Office, 1003 Bishop Street, Suite 2100, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813** and CPDHonolulu@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to verify the actual last day of the objection period.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor, CNMI



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Environmental Assessment
Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects
24 CFR Part 58
AMENDED

Project Information

Project Name: Community Pavilions Shelter, Sinapalo III, Rota

Responsible Entity: Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)
P.O. Box 500514
Saipan, MP 96950

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): The Municipality of Rota
Office of the Mayor of Rota
P.O. Box 1374
Rota, MP 96951

State/Local Identifier: DUNS No. 845856277

Preparer: Ms. Brandy Camacho, Planning Administrative Assistant
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)

Certifying Officer Name and Title: Arnold I. Palacios, Governor, Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): The Municipality of Rota
Office of the Mayor of Rota
P.O. Box 1374
Rota, MP 96951

Consultant (if applicable): N/A

Direct Comments to: Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC)

Project Location: Community and Economic Development Park
Sinapalo III, Rota
Lot no. 347 R 35.

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]:

The Municipality of Rota (Office of the Mayor) submits the following work to be done to build and have a Multipurpose Stage Facility at the Community and Economic Development Park in Sinapalo III, Rota, CNMI.

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

The Municipality of Rota (Office of the Mayor) submitted its proposal for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This project aims to build five (5) 12x16x8 feet concrete pavilion structures to provide a permanent shelter for vendors to prepare and display food, novelty items, souvenirs, arts & crafts, and other personalized items. More importantly, to provide a conducive area for the safety of patrons and facility-use applicants at the Community and Economic Development Park in Sinapalo III, Rota.

Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]:

Currently, there is no existing structure on the site location.

Funding Information

Grant Number	HUD Program	Funding Amount
B-23-ST-69-0001	CDBG	\$104,000.00

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$104,100.00

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$104,100.00

Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order, or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6	Are formal compliance steps or mitigation required?	Compliance determinations
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 and 58.6		
Airport Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) has determined that the project is free from the Runway Protection Zone. -Appendix A
Coastal Barrier Resources Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) has determined that the proposed construction project is not partially or wholly situated on or near DCRM's designated "Area of Particular Concern" (APCs). -Appendix B
Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) has determined that the proposed project is NOT in the Special Flood Zone Area. -Appendix C
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 & 58.5		
Clean Air Clean Air Act, as amended, particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The CNMI Division of Environmental Quality does not believe that the project will have a significant impact on the environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act. -Appendix D
Coastal Zone Management Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) determined that the proposed improvement project is not partially or wholly situated on or near DCRM's designated "Areas of Particular Concern" (ACPs).

		-Appendix B
Contamination, Radon, and Toxic Substances 24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Division of Environmental Quality does not believe that the project will have a significant impact on the Environmental Policy Act. -Appendix D
Endangered Species Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR Part 402	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that they do not anticipate impacts on T&E species. -Appendix E
Explosive and Flammable Hazards 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The CNMI Division of Environmental Quality does not believe that the project will have a significant impact on the environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act. -Appendix D
Farmlands Protection Farmland Protection Policy Act of 1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) determined that NO protected animals will be impacted. -Appendix F
Floodplain Management Executive Order 11988, particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) has determined that the proposed project is NOT in the Special Flood Zone Area. -Appendix C
Historic Preservation National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Division of Historic Preservation has determined there are NO Historic Properties to be affected. -Appendix G
Noise Abatement and Control Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Division of Environmental Quality does not believe that the project will have a significant impact on the environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act. -Appendix D
Sole Source Aquifers	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The CNMI has no Sole Source Aquifers -Appendix H

Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149		
Wetlands Protection Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) has determined that the proposed improvement project is not partially or wholly situated on or near DCRM's designated "Areas of Particular Concern" (ACPs). -Appendix B
Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The CNMI has no Wild and Scenic Rivers -Appendix I
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE		
Environmental Justice Executive Order 12898	Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	There will be no environmental impact on the construction of the generator room on top of the rear parking lot of Guma' Esperansa.

Environmental Assessment Factors [24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 & 1508.27] Recorded below are the qualitative and quantitative significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features, and resources of the project area. Each factor has been evaluated and documented, as appropriate and in proportion to its relevance to the proposed action. Verifiable source documentation has been provided and described in support of each determination, as appropriate. Credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority has been provided. Where applicable, the necessary reviews or consultations have been completed and applicable permits of approvals have been obtained or noted. Citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references are clear. Additional documentation is attached, as appropriate. **All conditions, attenuation, or mitigation measures have been identified.**

Impact Codes: Use an impact code from the following list to make the determination of impact for each factor.

- (1) Minor beneficial impact
- (2) No impact anticipated
- (3) Minor Adverse Impact – May require mitigation
- (4) Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
LAND DEVELOPMENT		

Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	2	The project will not affect any conformance with the plans.
Soil Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff	2	The soiled description as per the USDA Soil Conservation Service for the Sinapalo III area is Dandan-Chinen. Detailed description as follows: Shallow and moderately deep, well-drained, nearly level to strongly sloping soils; on limestone plateaus. The soil survey indicated that the area can be used for renovation and development.
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Noise	2	The contractor will be required to apply for permits through the Department of Public Works (DPW) for construction to commence. The permitting agencies will guide them to prevent hazards, noise reduction, and site safety.
Energy Consumption	2	The project will consist of the construction of a multipurpose stage.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
SOCIOECONOMIC		
Employment and Income Patterns	2	The goal of the project is to construct 10 concrete pavilions.
Demographic Character Changes, Displacement	2	The project site is in an area consisting of residential homes and small businesses. The construction of the multipurpose stage will not affect the community or the demographics of the site.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES		
Educational and Cultural Facilities	2	The project will not affect any cultural or educational facilities.
Commercial Facilities	2	The project will not affect any commercial facilities.
Health Care and Social Services	2	The project will not affect any health care and social services.
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	2	The project will not affect any solid waste disposal or recycling facility.
Waste Water / Sanitary Sewers	2	The project will not affect any wastewater or sanitary sewers.
Water Supply	2	The project will not affect any water supply.

Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	2	The project will not affect any public safety facilities.
Parks, Open Space and Recreation	2	The project will not affect any parks, open spaces, or recreation. The project location does not have a park facility.
Transportation and Accessibility	2	The project will not affect any transportation facility.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
NATURAL FEATURES		
Unique Natural Features, Water Resources	2	The project site has not been developed, however, there will be no effect on any natural features or water resources.
Vegetation, Wildlife	2	There will be no effect on any vegetation or wildlife. The project site has not been developed.
Other Factors	2	The project has been determined to be free from any environmental impacts. The contractors will conform to the guidance of the permitting agencies for the construction to commence.

Additional Studies Performed: N/A – There is no significant impact on the environment for this project. All regulatory agencies were consulted in the preparation of this Environmental Assessment.

Field Inspection (Date and completed by): January 26, 2024 – By Tricia B. Tenorio, Planner (NMHC)

List of Sources, Agencies, and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

- Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA)
- Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM)
- Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ/BECQ)
- Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW/DLNR)
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- CNMI Historic Preservation Office (HPO)
- Soil Survey Documentation from USDA Soil Conservation Service
- Region 9 Documentation on Designated Sole Source Aquifers from EPA
- Documentation from the Natural Park Service for Scenic Rivers in the CNMI
- FEMA flood plain maps

List of Permits Obtained:

There will be no permits to be obtained at this time, however, before the construction of the project, the contractor will be responsible for applying for a "One Start Permit" that will be issued by the Department of Public Works (DPW) or the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ). The permits will be included in the project file as soon as the selected contractor has been identified.

Public Outreach [24 CFR 50.23 & 58.43]:

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation will publish the "Finding of No Significant Impact -FONSI" and "Request for the Release of Funds- RROF" as soon as this Environmental Assessment is signed by the Certifying Officer. The publication will be printed in the newspaper, website, and on the NMHC Facebook page for 15 days.

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]:

There will be no significant impact on the environment on the construction of the multipurpose stage. This project will be closely monitored by the Municipality of Rota (Office of the Mayor) and permitting agencies to ensure that permit requirements are met, to ensure that building code requirements comply.

Alternatives [24 CFR 58.40(e); 40 CFR 1508.9]

There is no significant impact on the environment for this project. The construction project is a short-term project, not a long term.

No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]: N/A**Summary of Findings and Conclusions:**

This project will not impact the environment as the project is for the benefit of the Municipality of Rota (Office of the Mayor) and the people of Rota. This is a short-term project, and the contractor will abide by the conditions provided in the permits.

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]

Summarize below all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements, and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be identified in the mitigation plan.

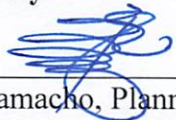
-Before the construction, the contractor will be required to apply for all the necessary permits to begin construction work.

Determination:

☒ **Finding of No Significant Impact** [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 CFR 1508.27]
The project will not result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

☐ **Finding of Significant Impact** [24 CFR 58.40(g)(2); 40 CFR 1508.27]
The project may significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

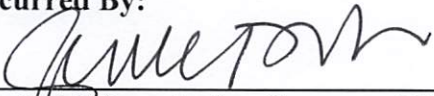
Prepared By:



Brandy Camacho, Planning Administrative Assistant
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Date: 07/15/2024


Concurred By:



Zenie P. Mafnas, Acting Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Date: 7/15/24

Certifying Officer:



Arnold I. Palacios, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Date: 7/19/24

This original, signed document and related supporting material must be retained on file by the Responsible Entity in an Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the activity/project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and per recordkeeping requirements for the HUD program(s).



APPENDIX: A
Commonwealth Ports Authority

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October 27, 2023

Mr. Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
PO Box 500514
Saipan, MP 96950

Subject: Request for Determination of Effect
Lot No. 347 R 35
Sinapalo III, Rota

Dear Mr. Palacios:

This is in reference to your letter dated October 19, 2023 requesting for a determination of effect for Lot No. 347 R 35 on Rota. The project indicated is for Construction of Multipurpose Stage Facility and Construction of Community Pavilion on Rota under the Community Development Block Grant.

After review of the lot and its location, we determined that it is free from the Airport Runway Clear Zones. As such, the determination of effect is hereby given.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

WENDI L. PRATER
Acting Executive Director

cc: ELCO

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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

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October 19, 2023

Christopher Tenorio
Executive Director
Commonwealth Ports Authority
P.O. Box 501055
Saipan, MP 96950

Re: Request for a Determination of Effect for the Construction of Multipurpose Stage Facility (Rota) and Construction of Community Pavilion Shelters (Rota)

Dear Mr. Tenorio:

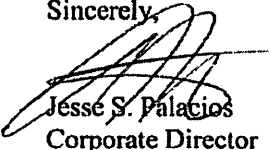
The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is in the process of preparing the Environmental Assessment Statutory Checklist (24 CFR § 58.35) for the Construction of Multipurpose Stage Facility (Rota) and Construction of Community Pavilion Shelters (Rota). The project site is located in Sinapalo III, Rota, lot number 347 R 35. (Please see attached map)

The proposed project will be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

In order for our office to complete the Environmental Review, an Environmental Assessment Statutory Checklist (24 CFR § 58.35) must be completed. We kindly request your office to issue a Determination of Effect based on HUD requirement on Airport Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones 24 CFR 51d for the location mentioned above.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Ms. Tricia Tenorio at the numbers listed above.

Sincerely,



Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

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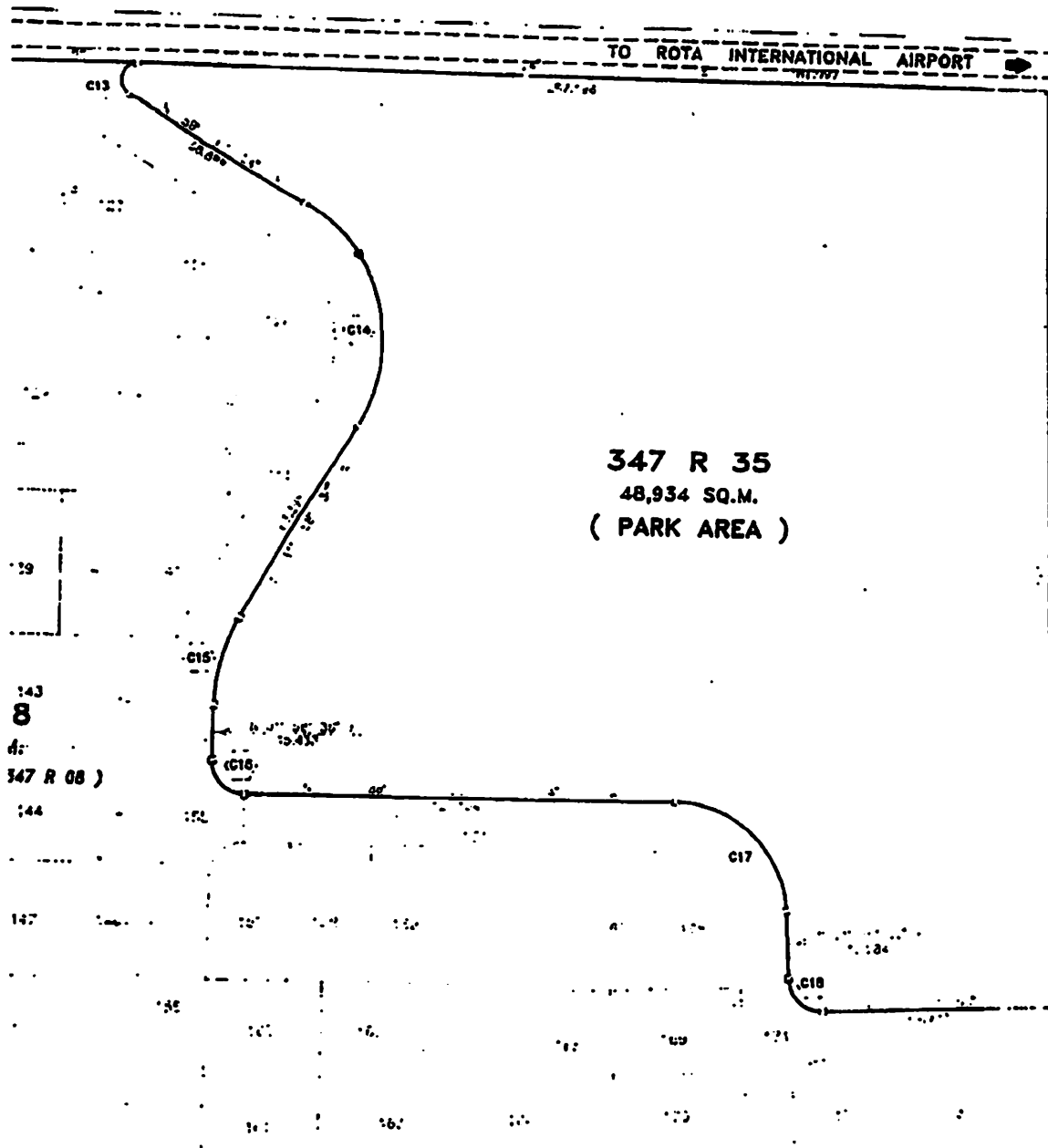
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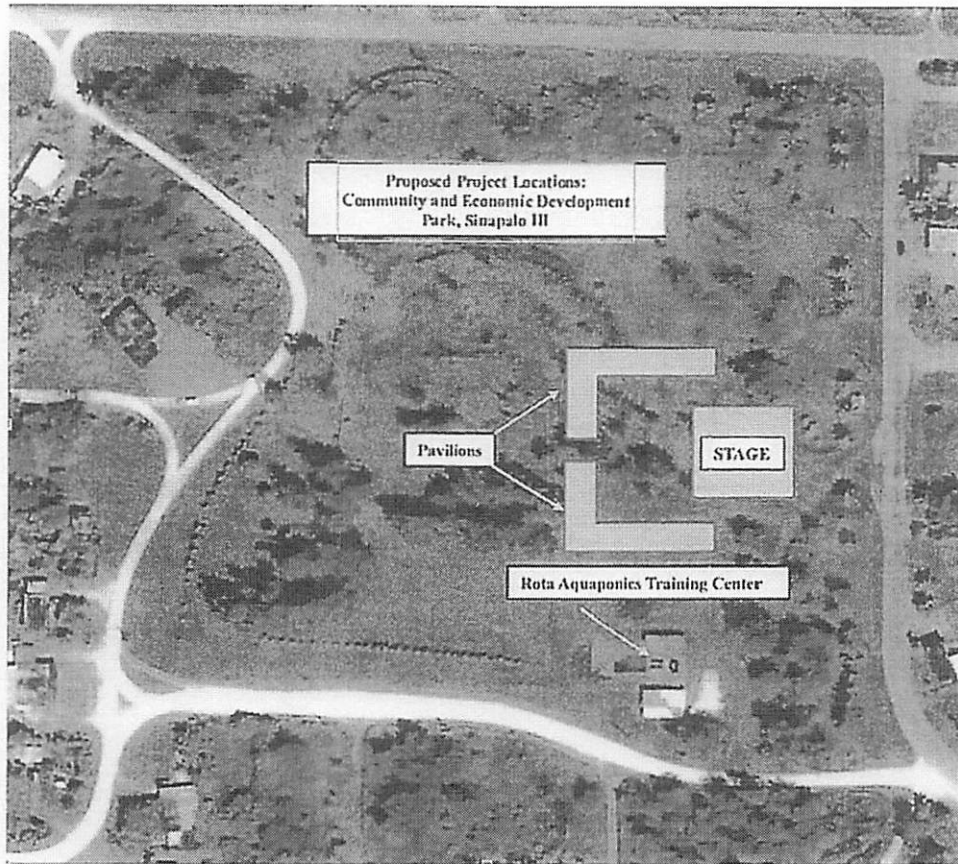
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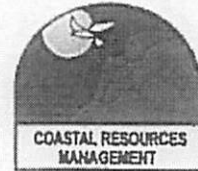
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Eli D. Cabrera
Administrator

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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Richard V. Salas
Director, DCRM

December 14, 2023

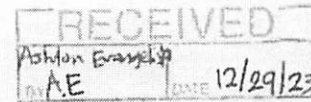
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RE: Construction of Multipurpose Stage Facility & Community Pavilion Shelters, Rota

Dear Mr. Palacios.

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is in receipt of your letter dated October 19, 2023, requesting for our concurrence for the proposed subject project. As stated in your letter, the construction project will require our concurrence before the project commences. Moreover, this project will be funded through the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Program (CDBG Program), a federally funded program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (U.S. HUD).

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) has reviewed the following project as follows:

<u>Name of Recipient</u>	<u>Lot No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Project</u>
1. Office of the Mayor of Rota	347 R 35	Sinapalo III, Rota	New Construction

As described above, NMHC has determined that the aforementioned project is - a) not located within DCRM's designated Areas of Particular Concern (APCs) with respect to the CNMI's Coastal Regulations and its State Implementation Plan (SIP); (b) not located in a state that does not contain Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS); (c) not likely to have any adverse effects and will not cause destruction or modifications of a wetland which therefore is in compliance with Executive Order 11990; and, (d) not located within proximity of a Wild or Scenic River.

Based on these four components, DCRM hereby concurs with this determination. This concurrence is limited to the aforementioned four components and does not certify DCRM's concurrence that there are no impacts to all coastal resources, including compliance with Executive Order 11988 - Floodplain Management, or other US HUD requirements for federal financial assistance. Moreover, to the extent that this new project will require issuance of a federal license or permit or trigger federal consistency review, submission of a consistency

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determination certifying that issuance of the federal license or permit complies with the enforceable policies of the CNMI Coastal Management Program (CMP) may be necessary.

DCRM does not anticipate that this project will cause significant public controversy and believes that the public and other agencies will be supportive of this activity. However, given that the project is or will be federally funded, a One-Start permit from the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be required. This application will enable the DEQ, DCRM, the Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), and the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) to review your project proposal more thoroughly. Moreover, as this project will be duly permitted by relevant CNMI agencies, DCRM anticipates that the project will not conflict with any CNMI environmental, conservation, or land use laws and regulations.

We look forward to continue coordination as NMHC plans and seeks permits for this important improvement project. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our Permitting Section at (670) 664-8300 or via email at permitting@dcrm.gov.mp.

Sincerely,



RICHARD V. SALAS

Director

Division of Coastal Resources Management



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October 19, 2023

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Re: Concurrence of Determination of Effect – Construction of Multipurpose Stage Facility (Rota) and Construction of Community Pavilion Shelters (Rota)

Dear Mr. Salas,

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is kindly requesting *concurrence* for the Determination of Effect from your agency for the Construction of Multipurpose Stage Facility and Community Pavilion Shelters (Rota). The project site is located in Sinapalo III, Rota, Lot No. 347 R 35. (Please see attached map and Scope of work)

As a requirement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) environmental review, we are required to obtain concurrence from all regulatory agencies.

The proposed project will be funded under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NMHC has determined that there is no effect on the following:

1. Coastal Zone Management Act Sections 307 (c) and (d):
 - a. *The Project is for Construction of Multipurpose Stage Facility(Rota) and Construction of Community Pavilion Shelters (Rota) on a developed area. The project is not located in and will not affect any Coastal Zone Management*
2. Coastal Barrier Resource Act, as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16 USC 3501]:
 - a. *The CNMI is not within Coastal Barrier Resource System (CBRS) Unit and Other Protected Area (OPA).*
3. Wetlands Protection: Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5:
 - a. *The Project is for Construction of Multipurpose Stage Facility (Rota) and Construction of Community Pavilion Shelters (Rota)*
 - b. *The Project is not situated on or near a wetland area or any environmentally sensitive area*

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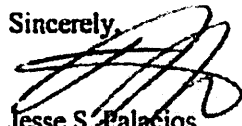
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Upon agreement of our determination please sign below indicating concurrence of your agency.

If you have any questions or concern, please do not hesitate to contact our office at the numbers listed above.

Sincerely,



Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

Division of Coastal Resources Management Concurrence:

Based on the information you have supplied, the CNMI Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCCRM) does not believe that this project will have a significant impact on the 1.) Coastal Zone Management Act, Sections 307 (C) and (D) 2.) Coastal Barrier Resources Act as amended by the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 [16USC 3501] 3.) Wetlands Protection: Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5. Your project may require permits from DCRM or other local or federal agencies, and your responsibility to obtain them is not obviated by this letter.



Richard V. Salas, Acting Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

12/14/23

Date:

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Scope of Work – Construction of Community Pavilion Shelters

The Office of the Mayor submits the following work to be done to build and have a Multipurpose Stage Facility at the Community and Economic Development Park in Sinapalo III, Rota CNMI. The office states the following to be the best of its knowledge and understanding of the basic or fundamental construction work to be performed, therefore, all other work scope not indicated in this preliminary scope will be discussed further with the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division and subsequently shall be included upon final review of said propose project.

1) STRUCTURE:

- a. Build full concrete pavilions with concrete center tables and benches.
- b. Build concrete foundation and deck to support pavilion structure
- c. Apply paint of all external structure surfaces, tables, and benches and shall be determined by the Office of Mayor

2) DIMENSION:

- a. 16 feet in length
- b. 12 feet in width
- c. 8 feet in height

3) LIGHTING/ELECTRICAL

- a. Design and build an independent electrical power distribution booth/stall with main electrical switch to service all pavilions
- b. Install one lighting fixture with single switch and 2 GFCI receptacle outlets per pavilion

4) SIDEWALK

- a. Build nonskid concrete finish sidewalk at all sides of the pavilions for ADA compliance
- b. Inter-connect sidewalks for easy ADA access to all pavilions

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Scope of Work – Construction of Multi-purpose Stage Facility

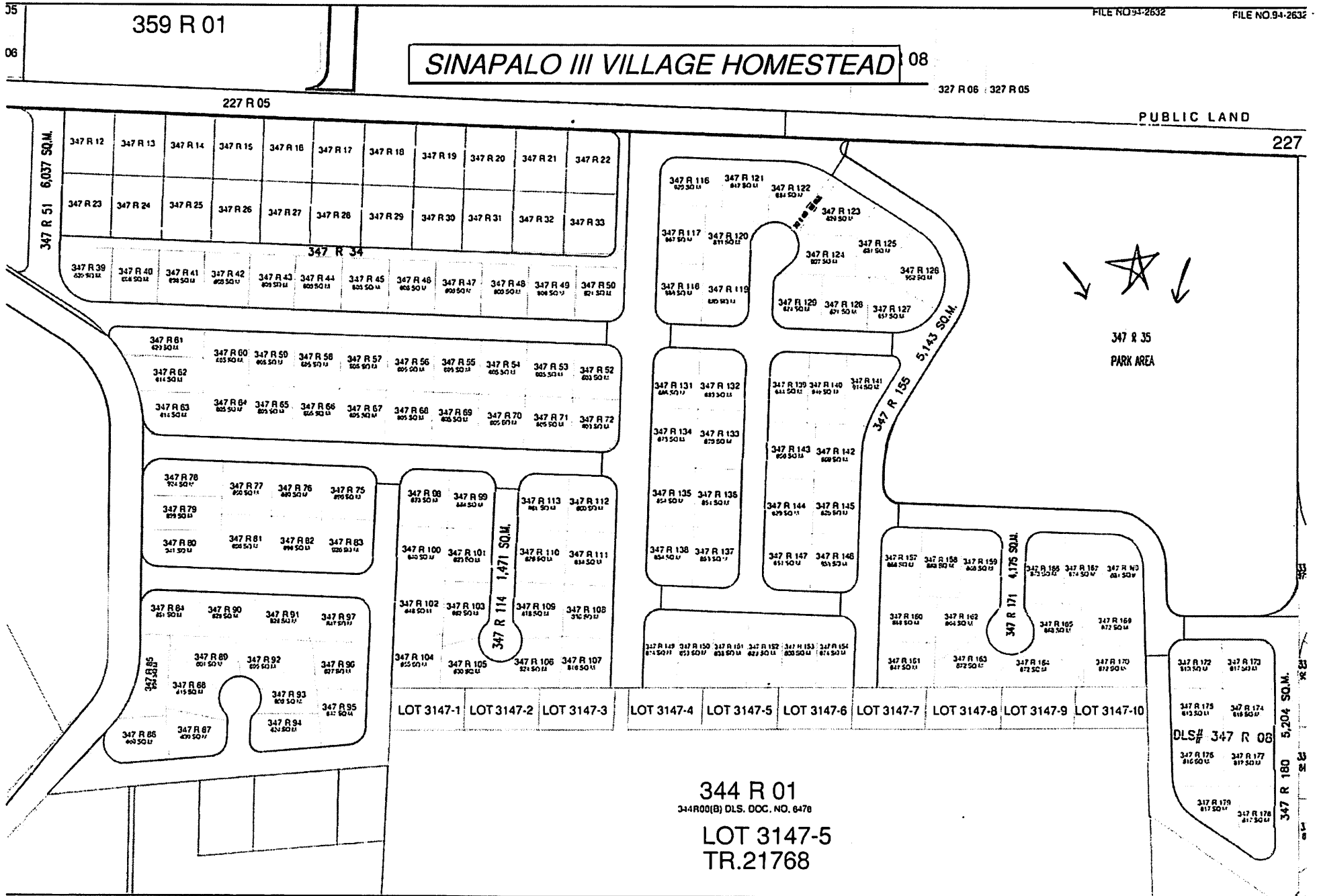
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- 1) **STRUCTURE:**
 - a. Build concrete stage floor, walls, partitions, roof, vertical and horizontal column beams, sidewalk, ramps, stairs
 - b. Apply paint of all external structure surfaces and all integrated rooms of the facility
 - c. Paint work to be determine by the Office of the Mayor
- 2) **SEPTIC TANK:**
 - a. Construct a septic tank, distribution box, and sewer with leaching field
- 3) **DIMENSION:**
 - a. 60 feet in length
 - b. 40 feet in width
 - c. 16 feet in height
- 4) **LIGHTING/ELECTRICAL**
 - a. Install Energy Compliant lighting fixtures in dressing room, electrical room, restroom, and stage area.
 - b. Install standard outlet receptables in the dressing rooms and GFCI outlets with protective covers at restroom and stage areas
 - c. Install electric panel, breakers, and meter box
- 5) **RESTROOM (Unisex/ ADA Compliant):**
 - a. Build a standard ADA compliant stall with toilet and fixtures
 - b. Install two (2) standard restroom stalls with toilet and fixtures
 - c. Install two (2) standard urinal stalls with fixtures for both youth and adults
 - d. Install standard dual sink/faucet washing station with fixtures
 - e. Install standard size mirror for public restroom
 - f. Install nonskid ceramic floor tiles

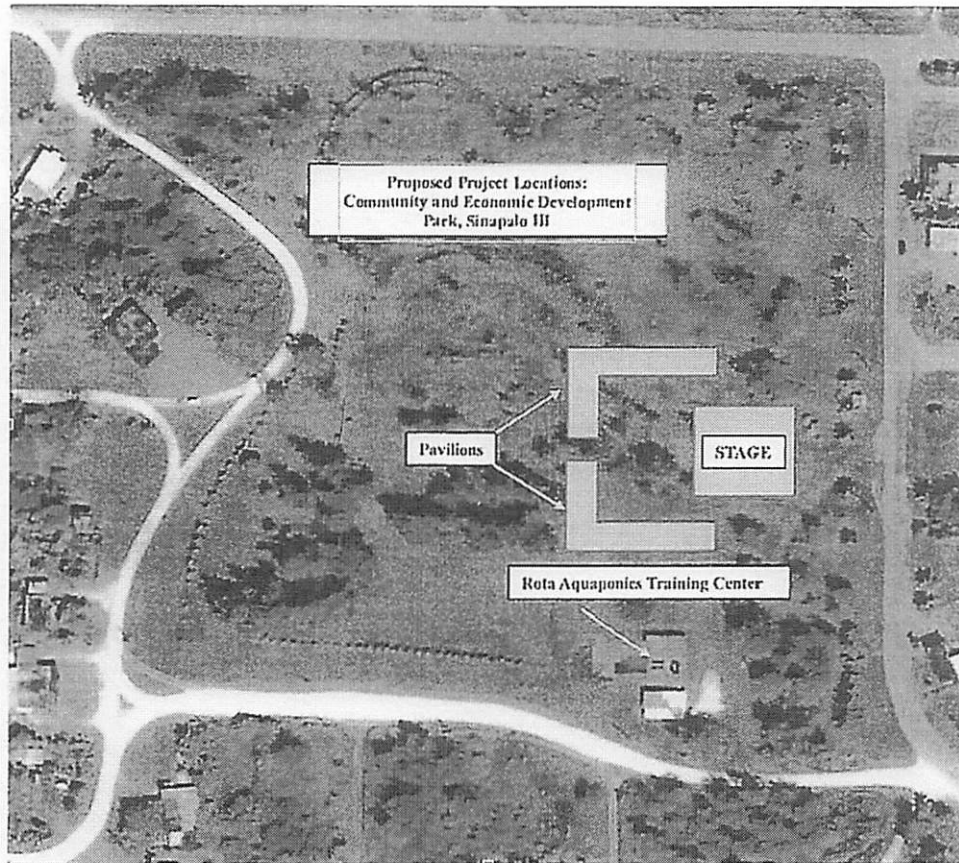
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- g. Provide a manual paper towel dispensary with trash disposal bin**
 - h. Install unisex signage on restroom door**
 - i. Install swing type high density polyethylene (HOPE) partitions at unisex restroom stalls**
 - j. Install high density polyethylene partitions at urinal stalls**
- 6) DOORS:**
 - a. Install metal frame doors with complete hardware at the electrical and restroom entry access**
 - b. Install ADA compliant lever type door handle at ADA restroom stall door**
 - c. Install wooden door with standard locking mechanism at dressing room entrance**
- 7) DRESSING ROOM**
 - a. Install standard size mirror for dressing room**
 - b. Fabricate and install wooden benches and partitions for changing stalls**
 - c. Fabricate three (3) wooden partitions, doors with security latch sliding lock**
- 8) REAR ADA Ramp and Stair case**
 - a. Build and install nonskid concrete finish stairway and ramp**
 - b. Install metal (galvanize) safety or grab bar rails in between ramps and stairways on both accessible areas**
- 9) FRONT**
 - a. Build nonskid concrete finish semi-circle stairway at the front center for quick access to stage**
- 10) SIDEWALK**
 - a. Build nonskid concrete finish sidewalk at all sides of the stage area for ADA compliance**

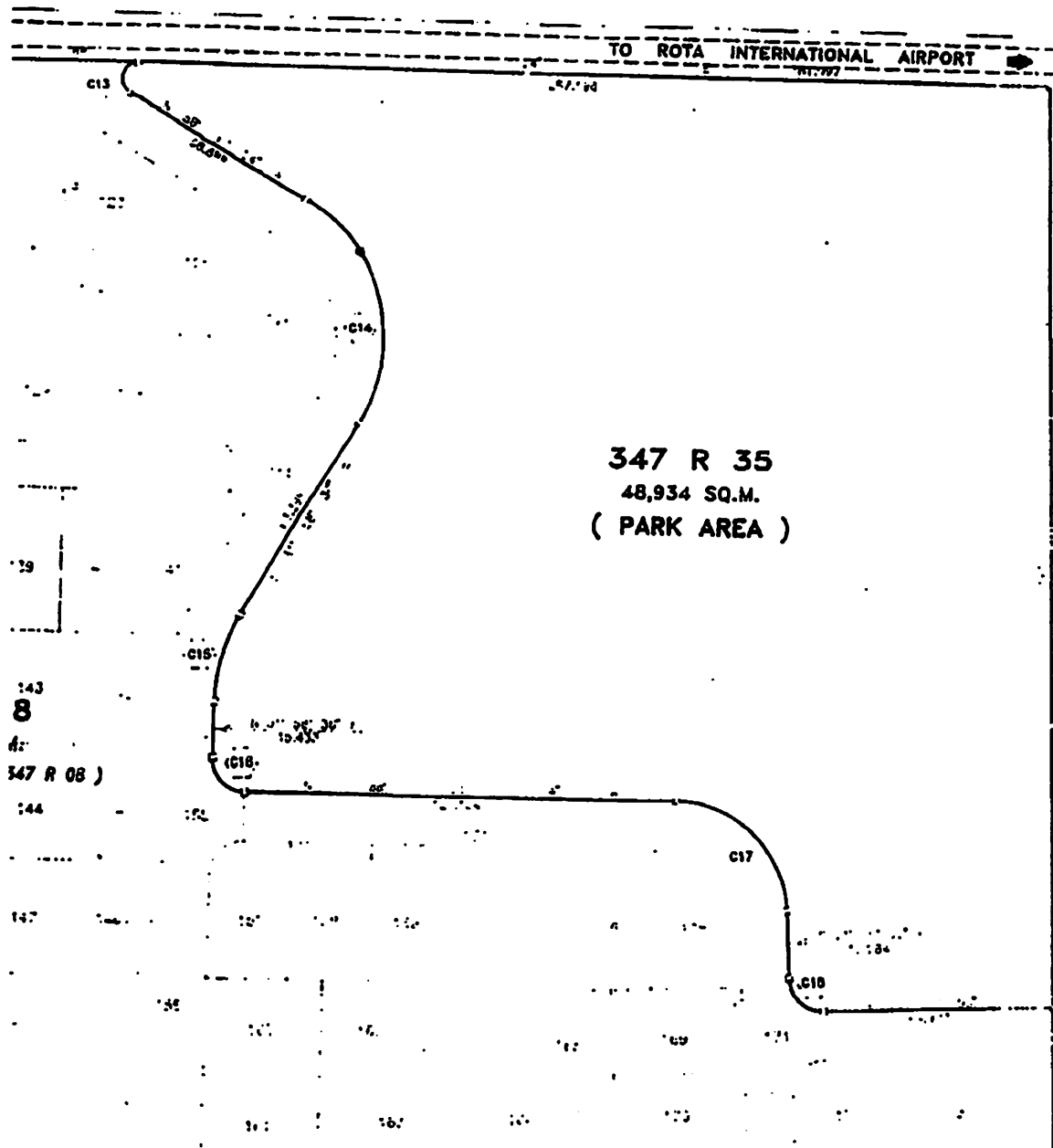
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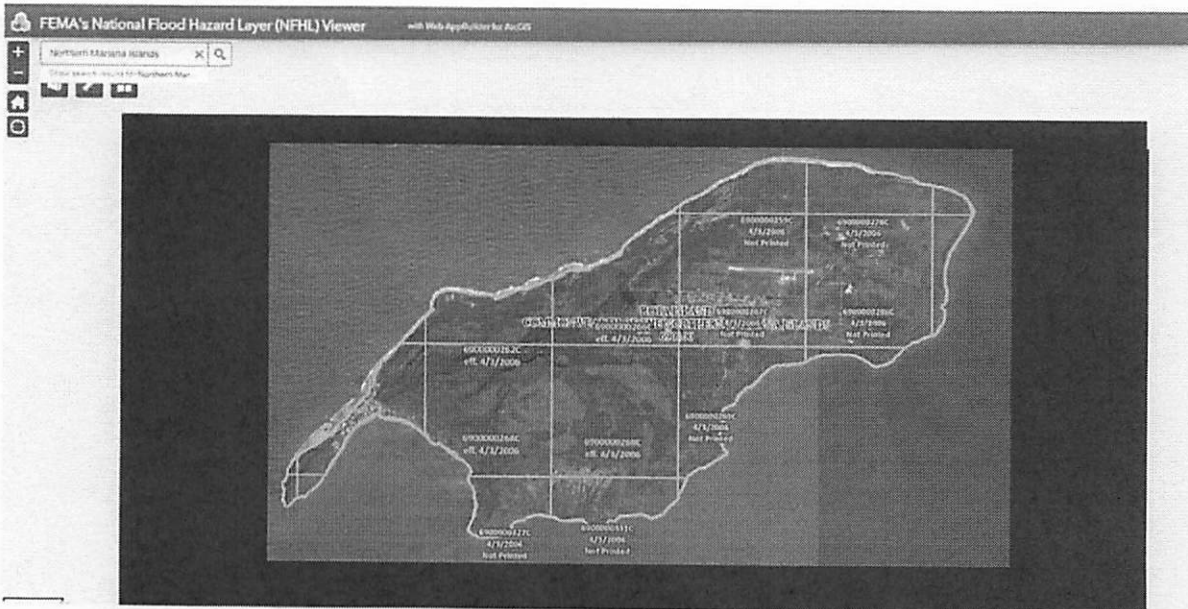
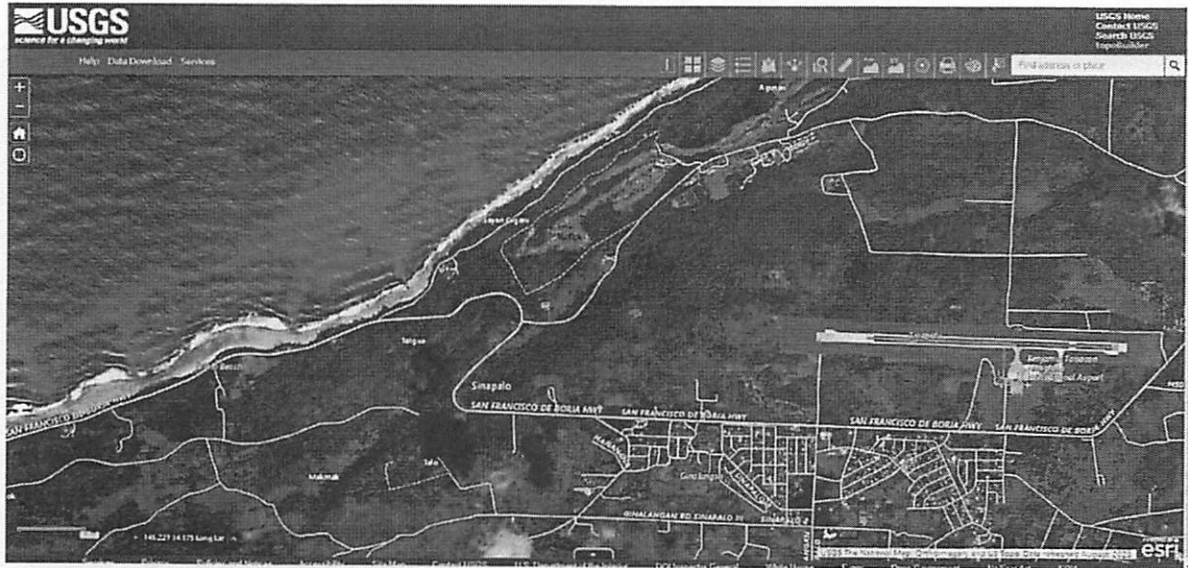
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APPENDIX C: ROTA FLOOD PLAIN MAPS





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FLOOD HAZARD INFORMATION

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR DRAFT FIRM PANEL LAYOUT



NOTES TO USERS

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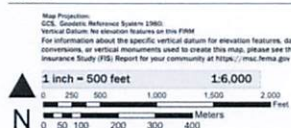
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June 27, 2024

Mrs. Zabrina Cruz
Director
Division of Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 501304
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RE: AMENDMENT No. 1: Concurrence of Determination of Effect

RECEIVED
7/10/2024

Hafa Adai Mrs. Cruz:

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is kindly requesting your agency's *concurrence* for the Determination of Effect on the construction of a Multipurpose Stage and Community Pavilion Shelters in Sinapalo III, Rota. Lot no. 347 R 35.

As a requirement by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) environmental review, we must obtain concurrence from all regulatory agencies.

The proposed project will be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

NMHC has determined that there is no effect on the following:

a. Impact of the project on air quality:

-NMHC has determined that there will be no impact on air quality.

b. Proximity to any known or suspected sites contaminated with toxic chemicals or radioactive materials:

-NMHC has determined no suspected or visual indication of toxic chemicals or radioactive materials. There is no known data indication of radon occurring between or around the proposed project site.

c. Project involved in the development of noise-sensitive uses or within a major roadway or railroad:

-NMHC has determined that the construction is not involved in the development of noise-sensitive uses or is within a major roadway or railroad.

d. Separation from ground explosives or flammable fuel or chemical containers:

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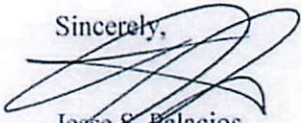
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- *NMHC has determined that the project site is at an acceptable separation distance from any above-ground explosive or flammable fuel or chemical containers. The project will not expose such hazards to people or buildings.*

Upon agreement of our determination please sign below indicating concurrence of your agency.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Brandy Camacho or Ms. Tricia B. Tenorio at (670 233-0071/0076.

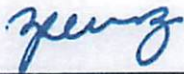
Sincerely,



Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director

Division of Environmental Quality Concurrence:

Based on the information you have supplied, the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality does not believe that this project will have a significant impact on the environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act. Your project may require permits from DEQ or other local or federal agencies, and your responsibility to obtain them is not obviated by this letter.





Zabrina Cruz, Director
Division of Environmental Quality

07/10/2024

Date:

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	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality Division of Environmental Quality	
Date	July 8, 2024	
Request From	Northern Marianas Housing Corp.	
Project Name	HUD - Rota Multipurpose Stage and Community Pavilion (Amendment No. 1)	
Project Type	New Construction	
<p>Based on your requests, the Division of Environmental Quality does not believe that this project will have a significant impact on the environment as defined by under the DEQ's regulations. Your project may require permits from DEQ or other local or federal agencies, and your responsibility to obtain them is not obviated by this concurrence. Be advised of the comments, recommendations and requirements from the DEQ programs below.</p>		
Wastewater, Earthmoving, & Erosion Control	-Based on the scope of work, a One-Start earthmoving permit is required for the proposed construction of the Rota Multipurpose Stage and Community Pavilion. -An Individual Wastewater Disposal System (IWDS) permit is also required for the proposed construction of a septic tank and leaching field.	
Water Quality/Nonpoint Source	No comments or concerns from WQS/NPS.	
Clean Air Program	Water suppression, tarp coverage, or other best practices must be implemented to control fugitive dust from construction activities. The proposed project site is not adjacent to any known or suspected site containing radon gas that meet EPA's action level (4 pCi/L (picocuries per liter) or more).	
Safe Drinking Water	All components of the water system should be certified lead free. • Recommended to install rooftop rain catchment to be used as water source for building if possible. • All tanks and water system fittings should be NSF 61 approved for drinking water. Any connections to CUC or other water systems should use some form of backflow prevention.	
Toxic Waste Management	1. New Construction: The One-Start Permit condition shall cover all potential discoveries of hazardous waste or material. All parties pertaining to the project shall cease activities upon discovery of any hazardous materials or unusual substance or objects, and shall notify the discovery to DEQ. Failure to report findings may result in enforcement proceedings. 2. All household hazardous waste and universal waste generated from the rehabilitation/reconstruction shall be disposed of properly and in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations. 3. If heavy equipment will be utilized at these project sites, the company performing the activities shall have spill response equipment readily available in case of an incident.	
Solid Waste Management	Recycle materials to be generated shall be taken to DEQ permitted facilities and non-recyclable materials must be disposed of according to the DEQ Solid Waste Management Regulations.	
Storage Tanks	The Storage Tanks Branch has no comments or concerns	
Site Assessment & Remediation (Brownfields & Formerly Used Defense Sites)	No comments or concerns from SAR Branch	
Pesticides	A pesticide treatment permit from DEQ is required for pre or post construction pesticide treatment/applications.	

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Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Division of Fish & Wildlife

Department of Lands and Natural Resources

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December 29th, 2023

Jesse S. Palacios
Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation
P.O. Box 500514
Saipan, MP 96950

IR-24-09: Information Request, Determination of Effect

Dear Mr. Palacios:

Your agency has requested information from the Division of Fish and Wildlife regarding potential impacts to threatened or endangered (T&E) species for the Construction of Multipurpose Stage Facility and Construction of Community Pavilion Shelters project on Lot No. 347 R 35 situated in Sinapalo III, Rota. **This letter is NOT a permit or approval of the proposed project. NO land clearing activities or construction can begin until an application has been submitted and approved by DFW.**

Based on our records, satellite imagery, and scope of work, the parcel is partially forested with potential habitat for T&E species. However, DFW has no record of T&E species on this or the adjacent lots so we are unaware of any possible effects to T&E species. This project requires future assessment from DFW.

Our response is based solely on the information you provided, our current knowledge, and professional experience. The information that we provide may assist with project planning, including information required to comply with the preparation of an Environmental Assessment Statutory Checklist.

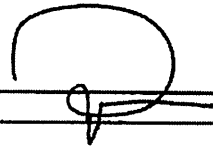
Sincerely,

Yanghongfan Wang

Yanghongfan Wang
Threatened and Endangered Species Biologist

Cc: Michael Tenorio, Acting Director, DFW

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U.S. Department of Agriculture							
FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING							
PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)			Date Of Land Evaluation Request 10/23/2023				
Name of Project CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIPURPOSE STAGE 2 CONSTRUCTION OF COMMUNITY PAVIDO CENTER			Federal Agency Involved Northern Marianas Housing Corp.				
Proposed Land Use Lot No. 347 R 35			County and State Rota, MP				
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)			Date Request Received By NRCS 24 OCT 2023		Person Completing Form: S. TAKAI		
Does the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)			YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Average Farm Size		
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %		Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %				
Name of Land Evaluation System Used	Name of State or Local Site Assessment System		Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS				
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)			Alternative Site Rating				
			Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D	
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly			N/A				
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly							
C. Total Acres In Site							
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information							
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland							
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland							
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted							
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value							
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)							
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)			Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
1. Area In Non-urban Use			(15)				
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use			(10)				
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed			(20)				
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government			(20)				
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area			(15)				
6. Distance To Urban Support Services			(15)				
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average			(10)				
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland			(10)				
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services			(5)				
10. On-Farm Investments			(20)				
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services			(10)				
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use			(10)				
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS			160	0	0	0	0
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)							
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)			100	0	0	0	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)			160	0	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)			260	0	0	0	0
Site Selected:		Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
Reason For Selection:							
							
Name of Federal agency representative completing this form:						Date: 10/31/2023	
(See instructions on reverse side)						Form AD-1006 (03-02)	

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Prime and Unique Farmlands Map

USDA-NRCS

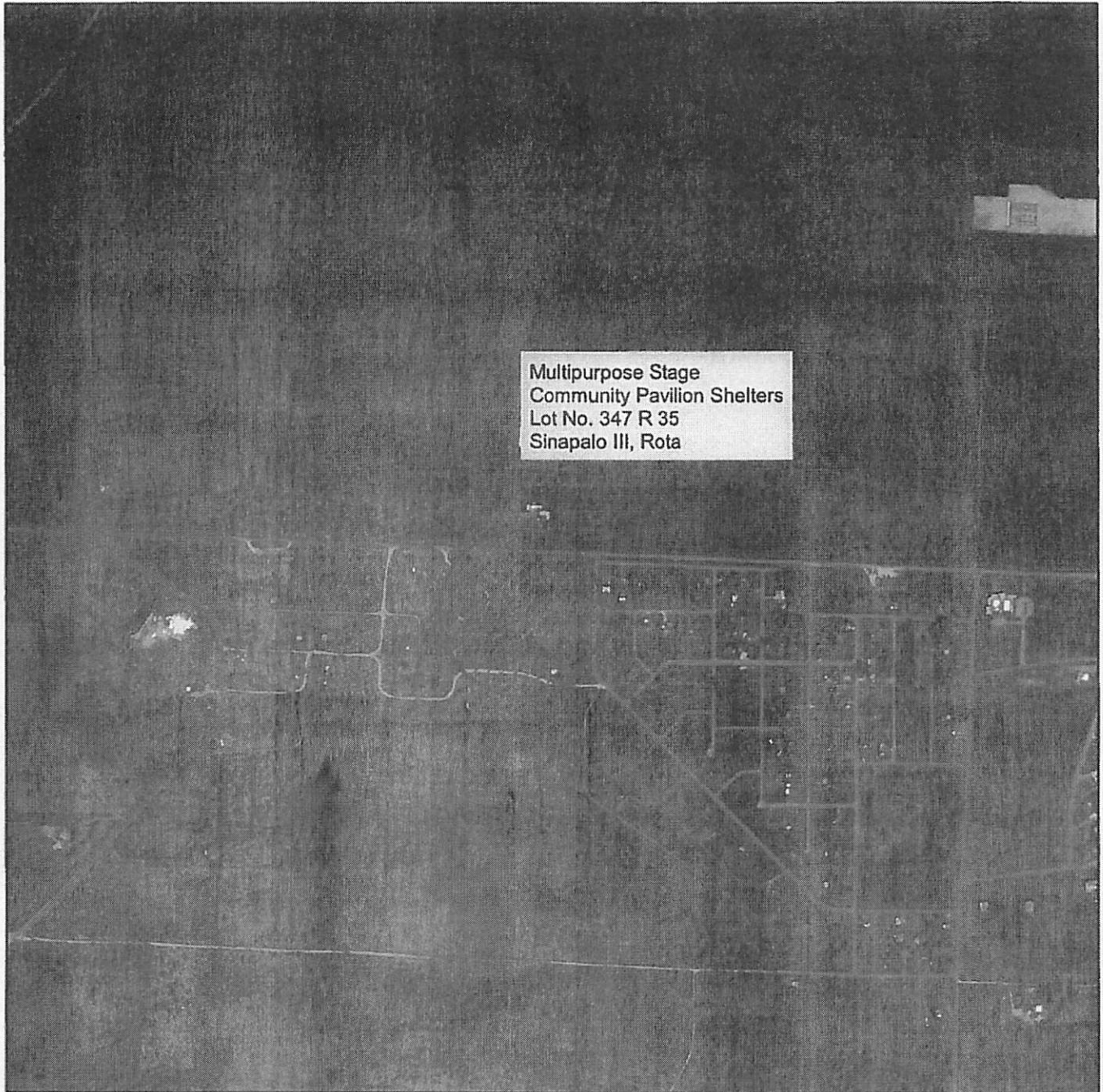
Map Prepared by Pamela M. Sablan, District Conservationist - 10/31/2023

Response to Categorically Excluded Statutory Checklist

"New Construction of Multipurpose Stage & Community Pavilion Shelters - Sinapalo III, Rota"



Multipurpose Stage
Community Pavilion Shelters
Lot No. 347 R 35
Sinapalo III, Rota



Prepared with assistance from USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

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Project Location

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May 31, 2024

Jesse S. Palacios
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Serial: 36490
File: 6.7.24.60

SUBJECT: SECTION 106 REVIEW AND CONCURRENCE LETTER FOR DETERMINATION OF NO ADVERSE EFFECT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTIPURPOSE STAGE AND COMMUNITY PAVILLION SHELTERS IN SINAPALO, ROTA, CNMI- LOT 347 R 35- FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (U.S. HUD) THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Dear Mr. Palacios,

Thank you for contacting the Historic Preservation Office (HPO) regarding Section 106 consultation for the above subject project. After careful consideration and review of the documents you have provided, we concur with NMHC's following determination for Lot No:

- 347 R 35 (Sinapalo, Rota) -

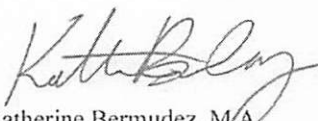
"No Adverse Effect"- **Recommending no further work** for the construction of a multipurpose stage and community pavilion shelters on previously developed land. However, although the HPO hereby concurs with the finding of no adverse effect to historic properties, we still recommend that if the particulars of the project should be altered to include other areas not yet designated, or in the event of unforeseen findings of human remains and/or significant cultural and historic resources during ground-disturbing activities, then the project must cease. Your office must notify the HPO for discussion on mitigation and preservation measures.

The necessary consultations with the CNMI Historic Preservation Officer and Staff Archaeologist have been conducted and it has been determined that the project may proceed.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and your commitment to ensuring compliance with the Historic Preservation Office. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this determination, please contact us at (670) 664-2120.

Sincerely,


Mertie T. Kani
CNMI Historic Preservation Officer


Katherine Bermudez, M.A.
Staff Archaeologist

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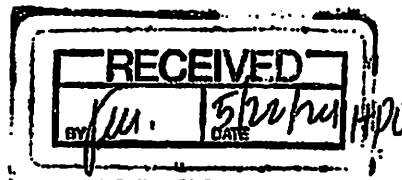
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April 29, 2024

Mrs. Merti T. Kani
Administrator
CNMI Historic Preservation Office
Department of Community and Cultural Affairs (DCCA)
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RE: AMENDED Concurrence from HPO -Construction of a Multipurpose Stage and Community Pavilion Shelters

Hâfa Adai and Tirow Mrs. Kani,

Our agency would like to request your favorable approval in concurring with our determination of "No Adverse Effect" for the Construction of a Multipurpose Stage and Community Pavilion Shelters in Sinapalo, Rota Lot no. 347R 35.

As a requirement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) environmental review, we are required to obtain concurrence for the Historical Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800.

The proposed project will be funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Summary of Completed and Proposed Identification Efforts

NMHC has identified that the proposed project is a developed land and, therefore, not an eligible historic property.

On February 22, 2024, NMHC visited the CNMI Division of Historic Preservation (HPO) and reviewed reports of previous archaeological investigations near the project area. No reports of the last archaeological investigations near the project area were found during the search in the HPO library. Furthermore, per communication with the HPO, there are no documented historic properties near or in the vicinity of the project area.

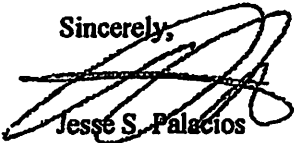
On February 23, 2024, NMHC researched the CNMI National Register of Historic Places and concluded that there are no findings of any historic properties near or within the vicinity of the proposed project area.

Attached to this letter is support for our findings. This request will not constitute a permit to allow any construction work. The contractor shall be responsible for applying for a permit before commencing construction work at the project site. Also enclosed are the scope of work and plans for the proposed construction work. Upon agreement of our determination, please sign below indicating concurrence of your agency.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our office at the numbers listed above.

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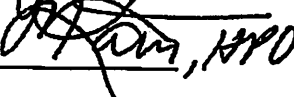
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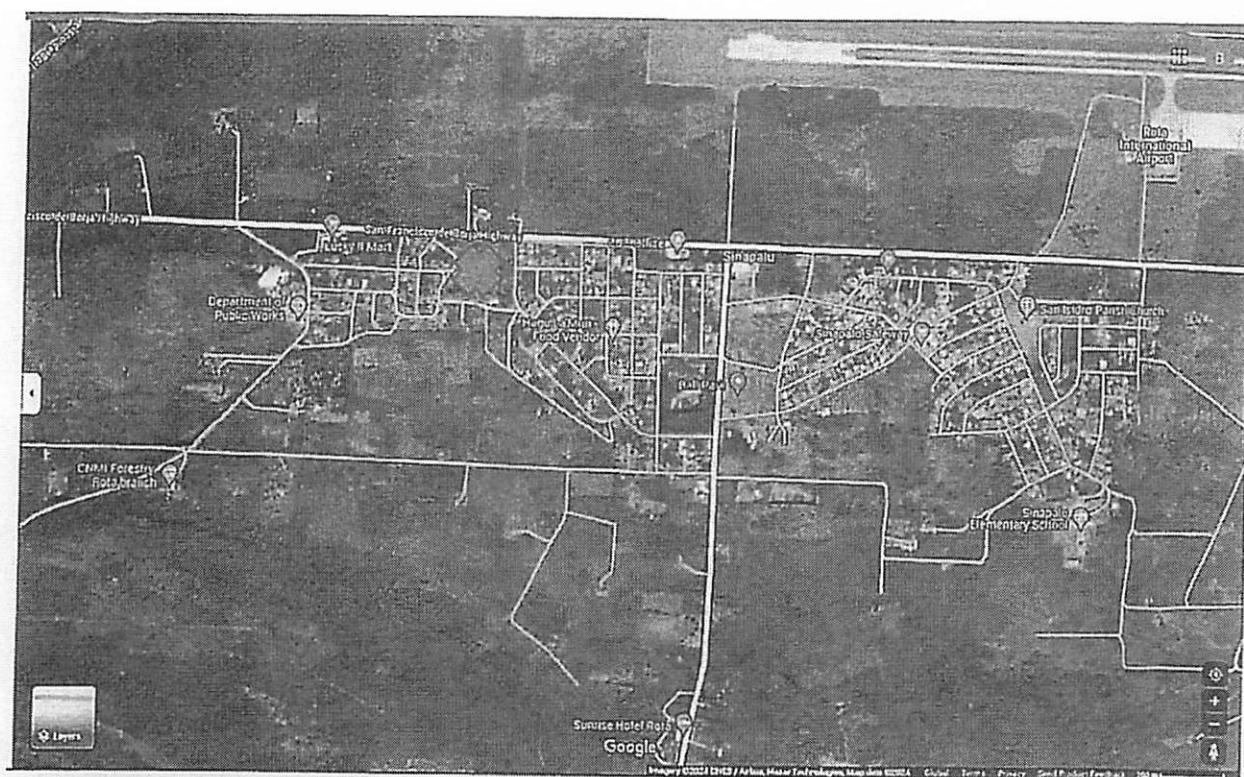
Based on our research and consultation, we have reached a finding of "no historic properties affected". In accordance with §800.4(d)(1)(i), your office has thirty days to object. If you concur with the findings in this submission, please sign and date on the line below and return as noted above. If you do not concur, we request that you express your concerns and objections clearly in writing so we may continue the consultation process as needed. Please also indicate in your non-concurrence letter if other sources of information should be checked, and if there are other parties you believe should be included in the consultation process.

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







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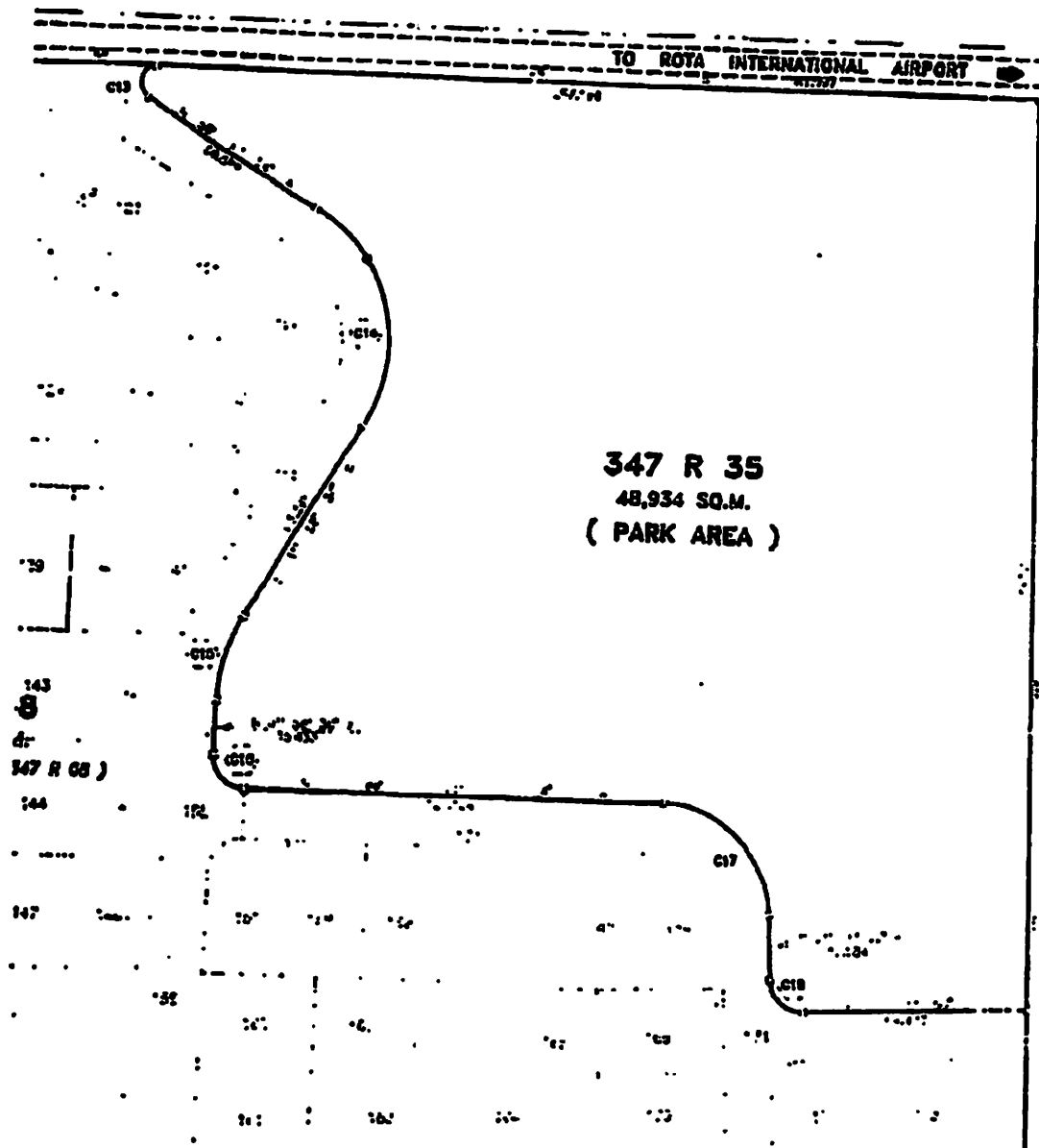


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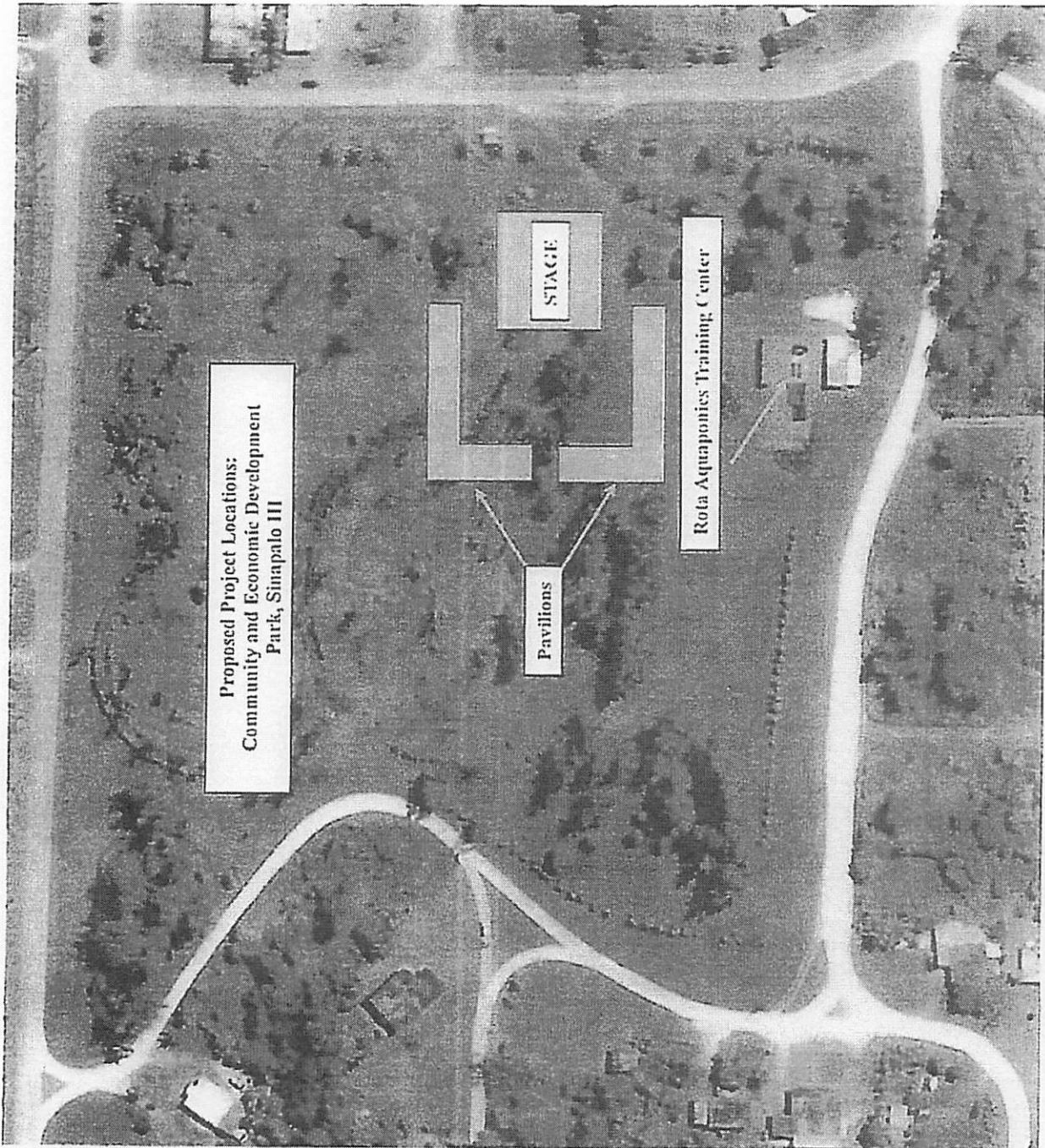
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2		Chugan Photograph Site				August 31, 1999 (#210310552)		I-Chenchen Bud Sanctuary 14°07'12"N 145°16'32"E				Prehistoric photograph cave	
3		Commissioner's Office				April 17, 1991 (#210005532)		North of Songsong Village 14°10'07"N 145°07'00"E		Songsong			
4		Dugi Archeological Site				February 11, 1995 (#250023072)		Address Restricted		Songsong			
5		Japanese Coastal Defense Gun				November 2, 1991 (#240004222)		Northeast of Songsong 14°13'13"N 145°09'50"E		Songsong			
6		Japanese Hospital				April 16, 1991 (#210005542)		West side of Sasanmava Bay 14°09'13"N 145°09'10"E		Songsong			
7		Mochung				September 11, 1995 (#250023092)		Address Restricted		Songsong			
8		Nanyo Kohatsu Katsushiki Kadma Sugar Mill				April 16, 1991 (#210005552)		Southwest of Songsong Village, near the harbor 14°08'10"N 145°08'02"E		Songsong			
9		Rectory				April 16, 1991 (#210005562)		North end of the island 14°09'59"N 145°10'00"E		Songsong			
10		Rota Limestone Quarry				December 29, 1974 (#740023252)		 14°10'17"N 145°15'30"E		Songsong			

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Sole Source Aquifer Designations in EPA, Region 9

The U.S. EPA's Sole Source Aquifer Program was established under Section 1424(e) of the U.S. Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA.) Since 1977, it has been used by communities to help prevent contamination of groundwater from federally-funded projects. It has increased public awareness of the vulnerability of groundwater resources.

How did this program start? SDWA regulations implementing the sole source aquifer statute were first proposed in 1977 for the Edwards Underground Reservoir in San Antonio, Texas. These regulations guided U.S. EPA in the subsequent designation of 64 sole source aquifers across the United States.

What does the Sole Source Aquifer Program do? The Sole Source Aquifer program allows for EPA environmental review of any project which is financially assisted by federal grants or federal loan guarantees. These projects are evaluated to determine whether they have the potential to contaminate a sole source aquifer. If there is such a potential, the project should be modified to reduce or eliminate the risk, or federal financial support may be withdrawn. This doesn't mean that the Sole Source Aquifer program can delay or stop development of landfills, roads, publicly owned wastewater treatment works or other facilities. Nor can it impact any direct federal environmental regulatory or remedial programs, such as permit decisions.

The Sole Source Aquifer Program's review authority extends only to projects funded with federal assistance that are to be implemented in designated sole source aquifer areas. (For regulations applicable to new private development, you should consult with your local, county or state environmental health agency.)

Typical projects reviewed by the U.S. EPA include housing projects undertaken by Housing and Urban Development, and highway construction and expansion projects undertaken by the Federal Highway Administration. In 1991, the U.S. EPA reviewed 152 federal assistance projects totaling \$571 million; of these projects, 25 had to be modified to prevent contamination of sole source aquifers. Modifications included the redesign of bridges and highways to prevent spills of hazardous materials.

How do you designate an aquifer as a "Sole Source" Aquifer? As the name implies, only a "sole source" aquifer can qualify for the program. To be a sole source, the aquifer must supply more than 50% of a community's drinking water. Any individual, corporation, association, or federal, state or



local agency may petition the U.S. EPA for sole source aquifer designation, provided the petition includes sufficient hydrogeologic information. An outline describing how such petitions should be prepared is contained in *The Sole Source Aquifer Designation Petitioner Guidance*, copies of which are available at EPA Regional offices (see contact information below.)

What about Boundaries? Determination of sole source aquifer boundaries is a difficult aspect of the designation process since the "designated area includes the surface area above the aquifer and its recharge area." Thus, some sole source aquifers extend across state boundaries. The 10,000 square-mile Eastern Snake River Aquifer, for example, includes portions of Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming.

In Region 9: nine sole source aquifers have been designated in the following areas as shown on the map: Upper Santa Cruz and Avra Basin Aquifer, covering parts of Pima, Pinal, and Santa Cruz Counties, Arizona; Naco-Bisbee Aquifer, Arizona; Ocotillo-Coyote Wells, Imperial County, California; Fresno Aquifer, California; Scotts Valley Aquifer, Santa Cruz County, California; Campo-Cottonwood Aquifer, San Diego County, California; Northern Guam Aquifer, Guam; Southern Oahu Aquifer, Hawaii; and Molokai Aquifer, Hawaii.

Region 9 SSA maps are on the web at www.epa.gov/safewater/ssanp.html. For more information about SSA designation and project reviews, please call David Albright, manager of the Ground Water Office, at (415) 972-3971 or email albright.david@epa.gov.

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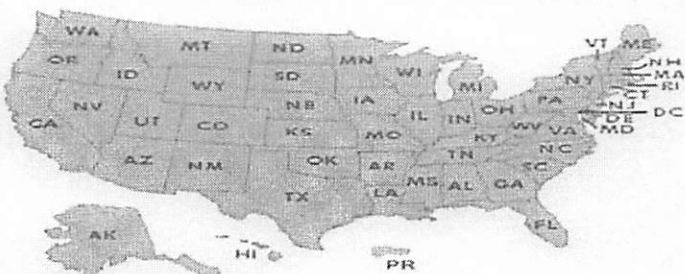
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The National Park Service is compiling information to update this database. Please contact Jean Harn (jean_harn@nps.gov) if you are aware of any changes to be made.
 Please contact Sheila Wakisa (sheila_wakisa@nps.gov) to order a CD of GIS files.

The Nationwide Rivers Inventory (NRI) is a listing of more than 3,400 free-flowing river segments in the United States that are believed to possess one or more "outstandingly remarkable" natural or cultural values judged to be of more than local or regional significance. Under a 1979 Presidential Directive, and related Council on Environmental Quality procedures, all federal agencies must seek to avoid or mitigate actions that would adversely affect one or more NRI segments. Click here for instructions on the process of consulting with the NPS on projects potentially affecting NRI segments.

The NRI is a source of information for statewide river assessments and federal agencies involved with stream-related projects. For any group concerned with ecosystem management, the inventory can provide the location of the nearest naturally-functioning system which might serve as a reference for monitoring activities. It also serves as a listing of plant and animal species for restoration efforts on a similar section of river. For the recreationalist, it provides a listing of free-flowing, relatively undisturbed river segments.

[Click here to hear an audio explanation of the NRI \(wav file 4MB\)](#)
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The NRI is managed by the Rivers, Trails, & Conservation Assistance Program.

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