# APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

This form should be completed by following the instructions provided in Section IV of the JD Form Instructional Guidebook.

B.	B. DISTRICT OFFICE: Honolulu District Regulatory Office (CEPOH-RO)		
	FILE NAME: Honolulu Honouliuli WWTP Unnamed Ditch AJD		
	FILE NUMBER: POH-2016-00188		
C.	PROJECT LOCATION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:		
	State: Hawaii		
	County: City and County of Honolulu / Island of Oahu		
	City: Ewa		
	Center coordinates of site (lat/long in degree decimal format): Lat. 21.32952 N, Long158.03426 °E		
	Universal Transverse Mercator: 4		
	Name of nearest waterbody: Pacific Ocean		
Name of nearest Traditional Navigable Water (TNW) into which the aquatic resource flows: N/A			
	Name of watershed or Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC): 20060000 (Oahu)		
	Check if map/diagram of review area and/or potential jurisdictional areas is/are available upon request.		
	Check if other sites (e.g., offsite mitigation sites, disposal sites, etc.) are associated with this action and are recorded on a different JD		

REPORT COMPLETION DATE FOR APPROVED JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD): September 6, 2016

## SECTION II: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

SECTION I: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

#### A. RHA SECTION 10 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

Field Determination. Date(s): N/A

Office (Desk) Determination. Date: September 6, 2016

D. REVIEW PERFORMED FOR SITE EVALUATION (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

area. [Required]

Waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide.

Waters are presently used, or have been used in the past, or may be susceptible for use to transport interstate or foreign commerce. Explain: Click here to enter text.

There are no "navigable waters of the U.S." within Rivers and Harbors Act (RHA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 329) in the review

## B. CWA SECTION 404 DETERMINATION OF JURISDICTION.

There are no "waters of the U.S." within Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction (as defined by 33 CFR part 328) in the review area. [Required]

<ol> <li>Waters of the U.S.</li> <li>a. Indicate presence of waters of U.S. in review area (check all that apply): <sup>1</sup></li> </ol>			
	TNWs, including territorial seas		
	Wetlands adjacent to TNWs		
	Relatively permanent waters <sup>2</sup> (RPWs) that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs		
	Non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs		
	Wetlands directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs		
	Wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW		
	Wetlands adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs		
	Impoundments of jurisdictional waters		
	Isolated (interstate or intrastate) waters, including isolated wetlands		

b. Identify (estimate) size of waters of the U.S. in the review area:

Non-wetland waters: N/A

Wetlands: N/A

c. Limits (boundaries) of jurisdiction based on: Not Applicable

Elevation of established OHWM (if known): N/A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Boxes checked below shall be supported by completing the appropriate sections in Section III below.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> For purposes of this form, an RPW is defined as a tributary that is not a TNW and that typically flows year-round or has continuous flow at least "seasonally" (e.g., typically 3 months).

Potentially jurisdictional waters and/or wetlands were assessed within the review area and determined to be TIMQUIGGE LIBITE 12

Explain: An approved jurisdictional determination request was submitted on August 5, 2016 by AECOS, Inc., on behalf of R.M. Towill Corporation, requesting concurrence that an unnamed ditch located on the City & County of Honolulu Honouliuli Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) property (TMK: 9-1-013:007) is not a jurisdictional water of the U.S..

Along the eastern side of Honouliuli WWTP, an approximate 0.60-mile long unnamed ditch arises close to the northeast corner of the WWTP property and directs storm runoff from the general area into a 3-ft corrugated culvert underneath Geiger Road. This culvert discharges into an active construction site. The unnamed ditch neither receives input from Kaloi Gulch nor does it discharge into Kaloi Gulch (or any other water body). The unnamed ditch is either a remnant agricultural ditch constructed to direct flows away from sugar cane fields that once covered this area or constructed at the time that the WWTP site was graded (its point of origin coincides with the property corner). Today, it serves to receive surface runoff from Honouliuli WWTP.

The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI), published by US Fish and Wildlife Service, identifies the unnamed ditch as an excavated, temporarily flooded palustrine scrub-shrub wetland with broad-leaved evergreen scrub shrub vegetation (PSS3Ax). A wetland delineation data form provided by AECOS, Inc. further supports that the unnamed ditch is not a wetland. It is not located in, nor does it drain, wetlands. Mapped soils of the unnamed ditch within the Honouliuli WWTP are: Mamala cobbly silty clay loam, 0 to 12% slopes; Waialua silty clay 0 to 3% slopes; and Ewa silty clay loam, moderately shallow, 0 to 2% slopes (NRCS, 2015). None of these soils are on the list of hydric soils for Oahu. Plants in the ditch, partly cleared for an on-going construction project at Honouliuli WWTP, are facultative upland (FACU) and upland and include such species as koa haole (*Leucaena leucocephala*), kiawe (*Prosopis pallida*), buffelgrass (*Cenchrus ciliaris*), and lion's ear (*Leonotis nepetifolia*). The unnamed ditch is not a tributary to Kaloi Gulch and it is neither a relocated tributary nor was it excavated in a tributary. The unnamed ditch lacks physical indicators of flow, such as a bed and banks and other physical indicators of ordinary high water marks (OHWM). Kaloi Gulch was determined not to be jurisdictional WOUS in a previous approved JD determination (POH-2015-00063; May 14, 2015), as it has no direct connection to the Pacific Ocean.

Therefore, the Corps has determined that the unnamed ditch is not jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act. It is not a wetland feature nor is it a tributary to waters of the U.S.

#### **SECTION III: CWA ANALYSIS**

#### A. TNWs AND WETLANDS ADJACENT TO TNWs

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over TNWs and wetlands adjacent to TNWs. If the aquatic resource is a TNW, complete Section III.A.1 and Section III.D.1. only; if the aquatic resource is a wetland adjacent to a TNW, complete Sections III.A.1 and 2 and Section III.D.1.; otherwise, see Section III.B below.

1. TNW

Identify TNW: N/A

Summarize rationale supporting determination: N/A

2. Wetland adjacent to TNW

Summarize rationale supporting conclusion that wetland is "adjacent": N/A

#### B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TRIBUTARY (THAT IS NOT A TNW) AND ITS ADJACENT WETLANDS (IF ANY): N/A

This section summarizes information regarding characteristics of the tributary and its adjacent wetlands, if any, and it helps determine whether or not the standards for jurisdiction established under *Rapanos* have been met.

The agencies will assert jurisdiction over non-navigable tributaries of TNWs where the tributaries are "relatively permanent waters" (RPWs), i.e. tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally (e.g., typically 3 months). A wetland that directly abuts an RPW is also jurisdictional. If the aquatic resource is not a TNW, but has year-round (perennial) flow, skip to Section III.D.2. If the aquatic resource is a wetland directly abutting a tributary with perennial flow, skip to Section III.D.4.

A wetland that is adjacent to but that does not directly abut an RPW requires a significant nexus evaluation. Corps districts and EPA regions will include in the record any available information that documents the existence of a significant nexus between a relatively permanent tributary that is not perennial (and its adjacent wetlands if any) and a traditional navigable water, even though a significant nexus finding is not required as a matter of law.

If the waterbody<sup>4</sup> is not an RPW, or a wetland directly abutting an RPW, a JD will require additional data to determine if the waterbody has a significant nexus with a TNW. If the tributary has adjacent wetlands, the significant nexus evaluation must consider the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands. This significant nexus evaluation that combines, for analytical purposes, the tributary and all of its adjacent wetlands is used whether the review area identified in the JD request is the tributary, or its adjacent wetlands, or both. If the JD covers a tributary with adjacent wetlands, complete Section III.B.1 for the tributary, Section III.B.2 for any onsite wetlands, and Section III.B.3 for all wetlands adjacent to that tributary, both onsite and offsite. The determination whether a significant nexus exists is determined in Section III.C below.

### 1. Characteristics of non-TNWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNW

#### (i) General Area Conditions:

Watershed size: # Choose an item.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Supporting documentation is presented in Section III.F.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Note that the Instructional Guidebook contains additional information regarding swales, ditches, washes, and erosional features generally and in the arid West.

Drainage area: # Choose an item.

Average annual rainfall: # inches
Average annual snowfall: # inches

(ii) Physical Characteristics:

	(a) Relationship with TNW:  Tributary flows directly into TNW.			
	Tributary flows through <i>Choose an item.</i> tributaries before entering TNW.			
	Project waters are <i>Choose an item.</i> river miles from TNW.  Project waters are <i>Choose an item.</i> river miles from RPW.  Project waters are <i>Choose an item.</i> aerial (straight) miles from TNW.  Project waters are <i>Choose an item.</i> aerial (straight) miles from RPW.  Project waters cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: <i>Click here to enter text.</i>			
	Identify flow route to TNW <sup>5</sup> : <i>Click here to enter text.</i> Tributary stream order, if known: <i>Click here to enter text.</i>			
(b) General Tributary Characteristics (check all that apply):  Tributary is:   Natural				
	Artificial (man-made). Explain: Click here to enter text.			
	Manipulated (man-altered). Explain: Click here to enter text.			
<b>Tributary</b> properties with respect to top of bank (estimate):  Average width: # feet  Average depth: # feet  Average side slopes: Choose an item.				
	Primary tributary substrate composition (check all that apply):			
	Silts Sands Concrete			
	Cobbles Gravel Muck			
	Bedrock Vegetation. Type/% cover: Click here to enter text.			
	Other. Explain: Click here to enter text.			
	Tributary condition/stability [e.g., highly eroding, sloughing banks]. Explain: <i>Click here to enter text</i> . Presence of run/riffle/pool complexes. Explain: <i>Click here to enter text</i> . Tributary geometry: <i>Choose an item</i> . Tributary gradient (approximate average slope): #%			
(c) Flow: Tributary provides for: Choose an item. Estimate average number of flow events in review area/year: Choose an item.  Describe flow regime: Click here to enter text. Other information on duration and volume: Click here to enter text.				
	Surface flow is: Choose an item. Characteristics: Click here to enter text.			
	Subsurface flow: Choose an item. Explain findings: Click here to enter text.  Dye (or other) test performed: Click here to enter text.			
	Tributary has (check all that apply):  Bed and banks  OHWM <sup>6</sup> (check all indicators that apply):			
	clear, natural line impressed on the bank the presence of litter and debris changes in the character of soil destruction of terrestrial vegetation			
	shelving the presence of wrack line			
	vegetation matted down, bent, or absent sediment sorting			
	leaf litter disturbed or washed away			
	sediment deposition multiple observed or predicted flow events			
	water staining abrupt change in plant community Click here to enter text			
	other (list): Click here to enter text.			
	Discontinuous OHWM. <sup>7</sup> Explain: Click here to enter text.			

<sup>7</sup>Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Flow route can be described by identifying, e.g., tributary a, which flows through the review area, to flow into tributary b, which then flows into TNW.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>A natural or man-made discontinuity in the OHWM does not necessarily sever jurisdiction (e.g., where the stream temporarily flows underground, or where the OHWM has been removed by development or agricultural practices). Where there is a break in the OHWM that is unrelated to the waterbody's flow regime (e.g., flow over a rock outcrop or through a culvert), the agencies will look for indicators of flow above and below the break.

			If factors other than the OHWM were used to determine lateral extent of CWA jurisdiction (check OH that apply 188    High Tide Line indicated by:   Mean High Water Mark indicated by:   ENCLOSURE 2   oil or scum line along shore objects   survey to available datum;   physical markings;   physical markings/characteristics   vegetation lines/changes in vegetation types.   tidal gauges   other (list): Click here to enter text.		
	(iii)	Cha	emical Characteristics:  aracterize tributary (e.g., water color is clear, discolored, oily film; water quality; general watershed characteristics, etc.).  Explain: Click here to enter text.  attify specific pollutants, if known: Click here to enter text.		
	(iv)	Biol	logical Characteristics. Channel supports (check all that apply):		
			Riparian corridor. Characteristics (type, average width): Click here to enter text.		
			Wetland fringe. Characteristics: Click here to enter text.		
			Habitat for:		
			Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Click here to enter text.		
			Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: <i>Click here to enter text.</i>		
			Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: Click here to enter text.		
			Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Click here to enter text.		
2.	Cha		eristics of wetlands adjacent to non-TNW that flow directly or indirectly into TNW		
	<b>(i)</b>	•	Sical Characteristics:  General Wetland Characteristics:  Properties:  Wetland size: # acres  Wetland type. Explain: Click here to enter text.  Wetland quality. Explain: Click here to enter text.  Project wetlands cross or serve as state boundaries. Explain: Click here to enter text.		
		(b)	General Flow Relationship with Non-TNW: Flow is: Choose an item. Explain: Click here to enter text.		
			Surface flow is: <i>Choose an item.</i> Characteristics: <i>Click here to enter text.</i>		
			Subsurface flow: Choose an item. Explain findings: Click here to enter text.  Dye (or other) test performed: Click here to enter text.		
		(c)	Wetland Adjacency Determination with Non-TNW:  ☐ Directly abutting ☐ Not directly abutting ☐ Discrete wetland hydrologic connection. Explain: Click here to enter text. ☐ Ecological connection. Explain: Click here to enter text. ☐ Separated by berm/barrier. Explain: Click here to enter text.		
		(d)	Proximity (Relationship) to TNW Project wetlands are Choose an item. river miles from TNW. Project waters are Choose an item. aerial (straight) miles from TNW. Flow is from: Choose an item. Estimate approximate location of wetland as within the Choose an item. floodplain.		
	(ii)	Cha	emical Characteristics: aracterize wetland system (e.g., water color is clear, brown, oil film on surface; water quality; general watershed characteristics; etc.). Explain: Click here to enter text.  ntify specific pollutants, if known: Click here to enter text.		
	(iii) Biological Characteristics. Wetland supports (check all that apply):				
	()		Riparian buffer. Characteristics (type, average width): Click here to enter text.		
			Vegetation type/percent cover. Explain: Click here to enter text.		
			Habitat for:		
			Federally Listed species. Explain findings: Click here to enter text.		
			Fish/spawn areas. Explain findings: Click here to enter text.		
			Other environmentally-sensitive species. Explain findings: Click here to enter text.		
			Aquatic/wildlife diversity. Explain findings: Click here to enter text.		

#### 3. Characteristics of all wetlands adjacent to the tributary (if any)

All wetland(s) being considered in the cumulative analysis: *Choose an item.*Approximately (#) acres in total are being considered in the cumulative analysis. For each wetland, specify the following:

Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)	Directly abuts? (Y/N)	Size (in acres)
Y/N	#	Y/N	#
Y/N	#	Y/N	#
Y/N	#	Y/N	#
Y/N	#	Y/N	#

Summarize overall biological, chemical and physical functions being performed:

#### C. SIGNIFICANT NEXUS DETERMINATION: N/A

A significant nexus analysis will assess the flow characteristics and functions of the tributary itself and the functions performed by any wetlands adjacent to the tributary to determine if they significantly affect the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of a TNW. For each of the following situations, a significant nexus exists if the tributary, in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, has more than a speculative or insubstantial effect on the chemical, physical and/or biological integrity of a TNW. Considerations when evaluating significant nexus include, but are not limited to the volume, duration, and frequency of the flow of water in the tributary and its proximity to a TNW, and the functions performed by the tributary and all its adjacent wetlands. It is not appropriate to determine significant nexus based solely on any specific threshold of distance (e.g. between a tributary and its adjacent wetland or between a tributary and the TNW). Similarly, the fact an adjacent wetland lies within or outside of a floodplain is not solely determinative of significant nexus.

Draw connections between the features documented and the effects on the TNW, as identified in the *Rapanos* Guidance and discussed in the Instructional Guidebook. Factors to consider include, for example:

- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to carry pollutants or flood waters to TNWs, or to reduce the amount of pollutants or flood waters reaching a TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), provide habitat and lifecycle support functions for fish and other species, such as feeding, nesting, spawning, or rearing young for species that are present in the TNW?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have the capacity to transfer nutrients and organic carbon that support downstream foodwebs?
- Does the tributary, in combination with its adjacent wetlands (if any), have other relationships to the physical, chemical, or biological integrity of the TNW?

Note: the above list of considerations is not inclusive and other functions observed or known to occur should be documented below:

- 1. Significant nexus findings for non-RPW that has no adjacent wetlands and flows directly or indirectly into TNWs. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary itself, then go to Section III.D: Click here to enter text.
- Significant nexus findings for non-RPW and its adjacent wetlands, where the non-RPW flows directly or indirectly into TNWs.
   Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D: Click here to enter text.
- 3. Significant nexus findings for wetlands adjacent to an RPW but that do not directly abut the RPW. Explain findings of presence or absence of significant nexus below, based on the tributary in combination with all of its adjacent wetlands, then go to Section III.D:

## D. DETERMINATIONS OF JURISDICTIONAL FINDINGS. THE SUBJECT WATERS/WETLANDS ARE (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):

AP	PLY):
1.	TNWs and Adjacent Wetlands. Check all that apply and provide size estimates in review area:  TNWs: # linear feet # width (ft), Or, # acres.  Wetlands adjacent to TNWs: # acres.
2.	<ul> <li>RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.</li> <li>□ Tributaries of TNWs where tributaries typically flow year-round are jurisdictional. Provide data and rationale indicating that tributary is perennial: Click here to enter text</li> <li>□ Tributaries of TNW where tributaries have continuous flow "seasonally" (e.g., typically three months each year) are jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.B. Provide rationale indicating that tributary flows seasonally: Click here to enter text</li> </ul>
	Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply):  Tributary waters: # linear feet # width (ft).  Other non-wetland waters: # acres.  Identify type(s) of waters: Click here to enter text.
3.	Non-RPWs <sup>8</sup> that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  Waterbody that is not a TNW or an RPW, but flows directly or indirectly into a TNW, and it has a significant nexus with a TNW is jurisdictional. Data supporting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.

Provide estimates for jurisdictional waters within the review area (check all that apply):

<sup>8</sup>See Footnote # 3.

		Tributary waters: # linear feet # width (ft).	POH-2016-00188
		Other non-wetland waters: # acres.	ENCLOSURE 2
		Identify type(s) of waters: Click here to enter text.	
4.		It directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.  It along directly abut RPW and thus are jurisdictional as adjacent wetlands.  Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow year-round, indicating that tributary is perennial in Section III.D.2, above. Provide rationals.	
		abutting an RPW: Click here to enter text.	·
		Wetlands directly abutting an RPW where tributaries typically flow "seasonally tributary is seasonal in Section III.B and rationale in Section III.D.2, above. Prowetland is directly abutting an RPW: Click here to enter text.	
	Pro	wide acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: # acres.	
5.	□ We adj	ds adjacent to but not directly abutting an RPW that flow directly or indirect etlands that do not directly abut an RPW, but when considered in combination wit acent and with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with prorting this conclusion is provided at Section III.C.	th the tributary to which they are
	_	acreage estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: # acres.	
6		ds adjacent to non-RPWs that flow directly or indirectly into TNWs.	
6.	We and	etlands adjacent to such waters, and have when considered in combination with the with similarly situated adjacent wetlands, have a significant nexus with a TNW as conclusion is provided at Section III.C.	
	Provide	estimates for jurisdictional wetlands in the review area: # acres.	
7.	Impoun	dments of jurisdictional waters.9	
As a general rule, the impoundment of a jurisdictional tributary remains jurisdictional.  Demonstrate that impoundment was created from "waters of the U.S.," or			
		monstrate that water meets the criteria for one of the categories presented above (	1-6), or
		monstrate that water is isolated with a nexus to commerce (see E below).	-77
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OR	DESTRU	[INTERSTATE OR INTRA-STATE] WATERS, INCLUDING ISOLATED UCTION OF WHICH COULD AFFECT INTERSTATE COMMERCE, INCAPPLY): 10	
		re or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purpo	
		ich fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commer	rce.
		re or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce. e isolated waters. Explain: <i>Click here to enter text</i> .	
		e isolated waters. Explain: Click here to enter text.  ctors. Explain: Click here to enter text.	
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	-	er body and summarize rationale supporting determination: Click here to enter	text.
Pro	Tributar	nates for jurisdictional waters in the review area (check all that apply): y waters: # linear feet # width (ft).	
		on-wetland waters: # acres.	
100		tify type(s) of waters: <i>Click here to enter text.</i> s: # acres.	
	wettand	S. # detes.	
NO	N-JURIS	DICTIONAL WATERS, INCLUDING WETLANDS (CHECK ALL THAT	APPLY):
	Wetl	tential wetlands were assessed within the review area, these areas did not meet the and Delineation Manual and/or appropriate Regional Supplements.	
		ew area included isolated waters with no substantial nexus to interstate (or foreign Prior to the Jan 2001 Supreme Court decision in "SWANCC," the review area wo "Migratory Bird Rule" (MBR).	
	Wate	ers do not meet the "Significant Nexus" standard, where such a finding is required	I for jurisdiction. Explain: Click here to enter text.
V	Othe	r: (explain, if not covered above): See Section II(B)(2) for details.	

(check all that apply): N/A

E.

F.

Provide acreage estimates for non-jurisdictional waters in the review area, where the  $\underline{sole}$  potential basis of jurisdiction is the MBR factors (i.e., presence of migratory birds, presence of endangered species, use of water for irrigated agriculture), using best professional judgment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> To complete the analysis refer to the key in Section III.D.6 of the Instructional Guidebook.
<sup>10</sup> Prior to asserting or declining CWA jurisdiction based solely on this category, Corps Districts will elevate the action to Corps and EPA HQ for review consistent with the process described in the Corps/EPA Memorandum Regarding CWA Act Jurisdiction Following Rapanos.

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September 6, 2016

Date

Project Manager, Regulatory Office Honolulu District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Date: September 6, 2016

