ALA WAI CANAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY, OAHU, HAWAII

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ALA WAI CANAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY

Legislative Authority:

• Section 209, Rivers & Harbors Act of 1962

Non-Federal Sponsor:

• State of Hawaii (DLNR Engineering Division)

Product:

 Feasibility Study Report with Integrated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)





FORECAST FUTURE CONDITIONS

1% ACE floodplain (~1,358 acres)

- Health and safety risks:
 - Permanent Population-at-Risk
 - Transient population of students, workers, tourists
- Impacts to utilities (e.g., power, water, sewer, telecommunications)
- Flooding of surface streets, limiting emergency access
- Critical infrastructure:
 - Fire stations
 - Police stations
 - Hospitals
 - Nursing facilities
 - Emergency shelters



Forecast Future Conditions Evaluate Alternative Plans

Formulate

Alternative

Plans

Compare Alternative Plans Select a Recommended Plan





Makiki Valley Manoa Valley Palolo Valley

RECOMMENDED PLAN FEATURES

- 6 debris/detention basins in upper stream reaches
- 1 stand-alone debris catchment structure
- 3 multi-purpose detention basins in open spaces of developed watershed
- Floodwalls along Ala Wai Canal (including two pump stations for interior drainage)
- Flood warning system
- Fish and wildlife mitigation

Authorized Cost: \$345,076,000 Optimized BCR 3.68



PUBLIC OUTREACH



Public Review:

- Public Meeting: 30 SEP 2015, 180 participants
- Mailings to affected landowners, interest groups, neighborhood boards
- Extended review to 60 days
- Received 64 written comments; individualized written responses

Other Outreach:

- 44 specific stakeholder engagements since 2012
- Dedicated project webpage
- E-mail in-box, list-serve
- Media inquiries



FEASIBILITY STUDY WITH INTEGRATED EIS

- Feasibility Study was completed June, 2017
- Chief of Engineers Report Submitted to Congress December, 2017
- Record of Decision for Environmental Impact Statement Signed September, 2018
- Agreement Execution, Roles and Responsibilities



- Bipartisan Budget Act 2018
 - Long Term Disaster Recovery Investment Program
 - No Expiration of Funds
 - No 902(b) Limit
 - Single Phase Design and Construction
 - Deferred Payment Option



Makiki Detention Basin



MAKIKI DEBRIS AND DETENTION BASIN





Waiakeakua Stream (Manoa)

WAIAKEKUA DEBRIS AND DETENTION BASIN



WAIHI DEBRIS AND DETENTION BASIN



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REAL ESTATE REQUIREMENTS



- Feasibility Design completed to 35% level, subject to change
- From current design, 37 private properties affected by the project:
 - 34 properties require some form of permanent acquisition for conveyance
 - o 27 properties require temporary acquisition
 - Under conceptual plan: 4 properties proposed to be acquired in fee, 3 contain

homes

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PUKELE DEBRIS AND DETENTION BASIN



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MANOA IN-STREAM CATCHMENT



RECOMMENDED PLAN FEATURES: DEBRIS AND DETENTION BASINS

- Culverts sized to maintain normal stream flows
- Flood waters detained for <10 hours (1% ACE storm)
- O&M requirements
 - Vegetation clearing around perimeter of berm
 - Sediment/debris removal





- Debris catchment incorporated into detention basins in upper watershed
- One stand-alone debris basin near Manoa District Park



Woodlawn Detention Basin



WOODLAWN DETENTION BASIN



KANEWAI FIELD DETENTION BASIN





Ala Wai Watershed Project

Kanewai Field Multi-Purpose

Ala Wai Canal Flood Risk Management Study – Sea Level Rise Analysis				
Year		<u>LOW (ft)</u>	INTERMEDIATE (ft)	<u>HIGH (ft)</u>
2025	Mean High-High Water	1.08	1.08	1.08
	Inter-annual Variability	0.40	0.40	0.40
	Sea Level Rise	0.16	0.26	0.57
	Starting backwater	1.64	1.74	2.05
2075	Mean High-High Water	1.08	1.08	1.08
	Inter-annual Variability	0.40	0.40	0.40
	Sea Level Rise	0.41	1.02	2.96
	Starting backwater	1.89	2.50	4.44
2125	Mean High-High Water	1.08	1.08	1.08
	Inter-annual Variability	0.40	0.40	0.40
	Sea Level Rise	0.66	2.23	7.21
	Starting backwater	2.14	3.71	8.69

Starting backwater value in HEC-RAS model for specified scenarios



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ALA WAI CANAL FLOODWALLS



RECOMMENDED PLAN FEATURES: ALA WAI GOLF COURSE & LOWER WATERSHED DETENTION

- Sited in open space areas that currently flood
- Recreational uses to be maintained during non-flood periods
 - Golf course levee to be co-located with golf cart path
- O&M Requirements:
 - Vegetation clearing around levees
 - Sediment removal
 - Flood gate and slide/sluice gate maintenance



ALA WAI GOLF COURSE DETENTION BASIN



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