

VCA Letter to Planning

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Aloha Everyone!

Attached is a final draft of the letter to Planning sent by the Volcano Community Association. I do not have the actual signed letter. This letter addresses non-permitted structures issues and particularly the nightmare of the loose cattle plus some of the issues in our letter, so together they cover all of the issues!

Ron

BJ Leithead Todd, Planning Director February 23, 2001
County of Hawaii
Planning Department
101 Pauahi Street, Suite 3
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Reference Subdivision of TMK 1-9-001-003

Dear Madame Director:

I am in receipt of the enclosed Notice from Paul H. Murray & Associates regarding the planned subdivision of Lot 13-B-2, which is 129.872 acres, and is planned to be subdivided into six lots of 20 acres or more. I believe Ed, a long time member of your staff, is handling this matter.

While I recognize the enclosed letter has only to do with a water variance request, I want to make you fully aware of issues with this property that should be addressed before the subdivision is granted.

- 1) Many of the cattle held by the landowners and applicants are not respecting the fencing around the property. This circumstance has been going on for nearly a decade, or more. The result is cattle are jumping the fence, walking through the fence, or otherwise leaving the property in question, mostly in the evenings, at night, or in the early morning hours.

- 2) These cattle graze on people's private property in Cymbidium Acres Subdivision, causing damage to private grounds. The cattle graze on County road right of way, and it's just a matter of time before a serious traffic accident occurs. If you'll check police records, you'll find a car hit one of these calves in December of 2010, and luckily no one was seriously hurt, although the calf had to be put down by the Humane Society. By allowing this property to be subdivided, there is a very real possibility that existing numbers of cattle will have fewer acres on which to graze, thus making the problem worse. This cattle issue is a very serious problem, affecting both landowners in the Volcano Village and Cymbidium Acres area, and causing a real hazard on Highway 148 (Wright Road) and surrounding road arteries.
- 3) There are several structures on these parcels that appear to have been built without permits. Access to some of these structures is currently gained by a private road, A Road, which belongs to the Cymbidium Acres Subdivision. It would seem that such issues of structure permits and access should be fully addressed prior to granting the subdivision.

Thank you for addressing these concerns with the applicant prior to granting the subdivision action. Those of us who live in the area have been extremely helpful and tolerant of these issues for years. However, with the real possibility that the new status of the land will cause the cattle problems and traffic problems associated with the subject TMK to become worse, it would seem very important to cure these issues prior to granting the request for subdivision of the property. The cattle issue is simply out of control, and the other issues of permits, property access, and traffic are long standing issues that should be addressed before you take further action on this matter. Thank you again for your time and attention to these matters.

Enclosure