

*Lauren A. Tanaka*

**Employment History:**

**Planner, Division of State Parks, Department of Land and Natural Resources, July 2001 to Present**

Responsible for the initiation, coordination, and completion of the Division's plans, and appurtenant environmental review documents for specific parks, outdoor recreation areas, and historic sites. Reviews, provides comments and coordinates with staff and contracted consultants to develop Master Plans for specific parks that have not been the subject of a formal master planning process. Prepare park master plans based on background research, community needs and vision, an area's physical and natural resources. Establish and administer planning councils statutorily created specific to an individual park to identify issues and concerns.

**Planner, Land Division, Department of Land and Natural Resources, November 1995 to July 2001.**

Review and process applications for land uses in the Conservation District, including board and departmental permits, time extensions, site plan approvals, temporary variances, and emergency permits. Conduct public hearings before the Land Board on requests for permits. Analyze information to make recommendations for Board action. Regulate and enforce permit and rules compliance, resolve violations, and administer penalty provisions.

Prepare oral and written reports based on independently conducted research and investigation to interpret and clarify objectives and develop strategies and implementing actions based on problems and issues for special project assignments. Develop the State's Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan for the receipt of National Flood Insurance Program grants. Preserve and protect the State's natural resources by promoting appropriate management and use for a sustainable future.

**Planner, Division of State Parks, Department of Land and Natural Resources, January 1988 to October 1995.**

Administer and coordinate the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) program through the National Park Service and the Statewide Recreation Planning program. Conduct planning studies, prepare comprehensive and specialized plans for the development of facilities and activities in public recreation. Write grant proposals and manage projects receiving federal matching funds and liaison for the State in planning and programming activities with the LWCF regional office.

Conduct comprehensive background research for the development and maintenance of the State of Hawai'i's Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). Coordinate surveys to determine long and short range recreation needs and priorities of Federal, State, and County agencies. Update existing inventory database on present and potential quality and quantity of outdoor recreation resources, open space, facilities, and programs.

**Emergency Hire, Business Registration Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, January 1987 to January 1988.**

Review and approve applications for Securities Sales registration. Evaluate and interpret legal documents to recommend to Division Administrator and Broker/Dealers procedures for compliance with registration requirements.

**Emergency Hire, Counseling and Probation Division, District Court, June 1985 to January 1986.**

Interview defendants, assess information, evaluate technical documents and prepare reports to Judges. Investigate cases and promote conformance with State laws. Analyze problems, propose alternatives, and recommend action. Enforce criminal code.

**Educational Background:**

**Master of Arts**, Graduate School of Political Science, University of Hawai'i. [REDACTED]. Emphasis on public policy and administration.

**Bachelor of Arts**, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Hawai'i. [REDACTED]. Hawaiian History and Politics.

University Lab School. College Preparatory Program. [REDACTED].