

Developer ordered to stop work on stream

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MOLOA'A — The state Department of Land and Natural Resources and Kaua'i County have ordered land developer Tom McCloskey to suspend work on an unpermitted revetment wall along Moloa'a Stream.

McCloskey apparently authorized the work, including grubbing of the stream, to prevent erosion of the stream that runs through a 2.2-acre parcel he owns near Moloa'a Bay.

Last Friday, Department of Land and Natural Resources law enforcement officers issued a cease and desist order and halted the work.

DLNR officials claimed the work could affect the quality of the water that empties into Moloa'a Bay.

The county has cited McCloskey for grubbing the stream and putting four truckloads of rocks along the stream without first obtaining a Special Management Area use permit, said county official Leslie Milnes, who visited the worksite on Friday.

"They are in an area called the SMA," said Milnes, the county's Coastal Zone Management inspector. "They graded, grubbed and placed some boulders there. It is considered development in the SMA."

McCloskey could face fines of up to \$10,000 if the county takes him to court, Milnes said.

In the meantime, McCloskey has complied with county requests to remove the rocks and to obtain an after-the-fact SMA permit.

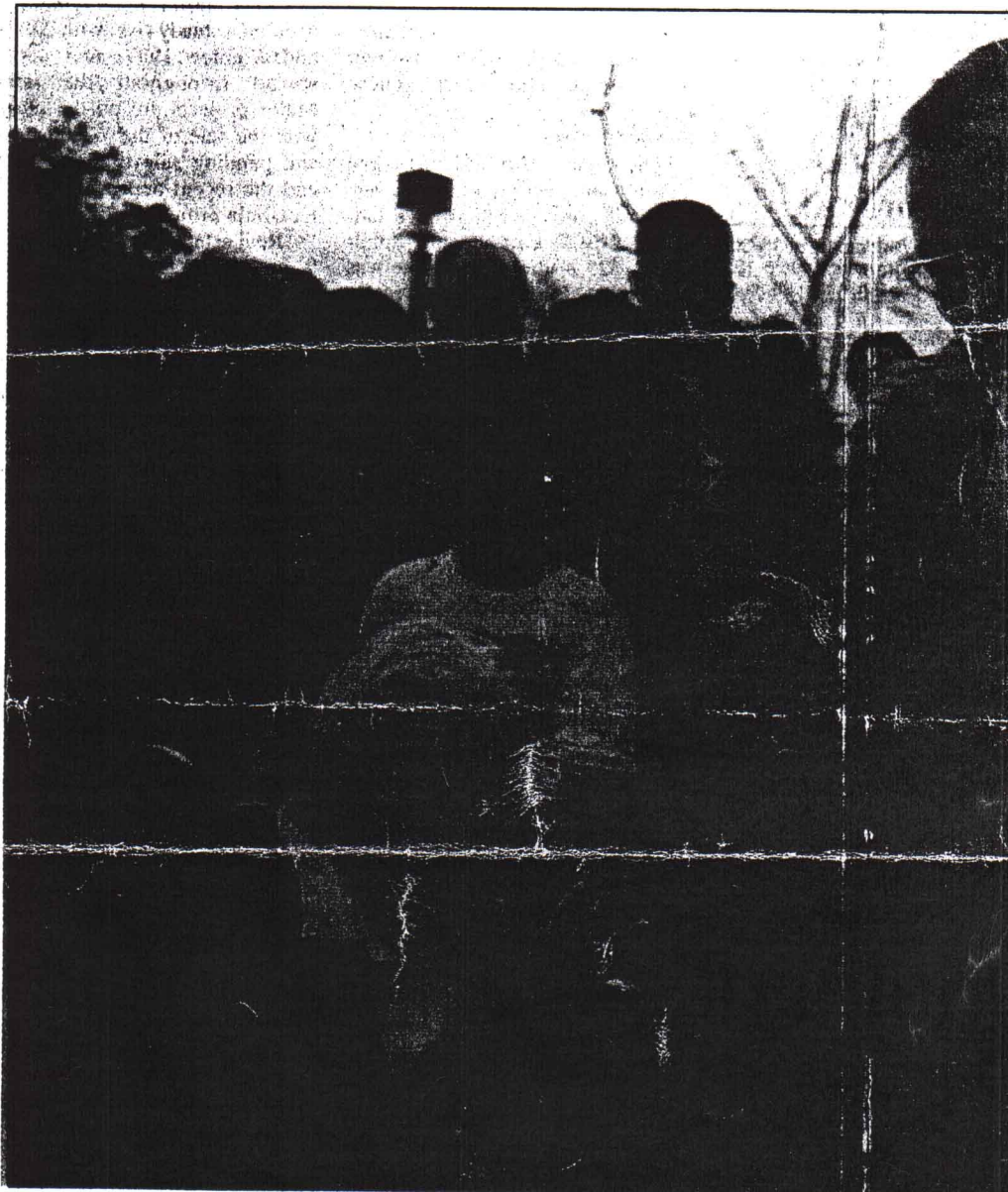
On Saturday, Sunday and Monday, McCloskey's work crew removed the rocks and placed them elsewhere on McCloskey's property, Milnes said.

Workers also revegetated parts of the stream area.

It could take six months to year for McCloskey to obtain the permit, if he meets permit conditions, Milnes said.

If the project costs more than

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TAKANO NONAKA, 95, gets emotional after meeting U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye who consented to chair for the Lawa'i International Center organization working to restore the 88 temples site in Lawa'i. He was joined by about 50 supporters as well as Boy Scouts from Troop 83 who recently helped with site cleanup. They came to town to conduct the Native Hawaiian Health hearings at the KCC Dining Room and met with the

Kaua'i leads state in infant

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New program aims to reduce risk

LIHU'E — Kaua'i has the state's highest percentages of infant deaths and infants born with diseases.

In addition, over 20 percent of Kaua'i mothers don't get prenatal care, or seek it late in their pregnancies.

To address these sobering statistics, state officials and community leaders have mounted a campaign to improve birth outcomes on the island.

The percentage of low-birth-weight babies (under 5.5 pounds) on the island in 1997 (the last full year's statistics available) was around 7 percent, and the percentage of teen mothers (ages 18 and under) was even less than that, according to state Department of Health statistics.

"A lot of people, pediatricians are finding out, do not go to prenatal care, and when they

come to prenatal care it's almost like too late — they're almost giving birth," said Roy Nishida, Gov. Ben Cayetano's liaison on Kaua'i.

A \$350,000 anonymous donation is fueling the Malama Kaua'i program. "Malama" means "to care for" in the Hawaiian language.

"It's a prenatal, infant-care program," said Nishida.

"Women are isolated by sev-