

The Permit Process Timeline to Build the Next Generation Telescope on Maunakea

2008

Seven EIS Public Scoping Meetings are held (Hawaii Island: 10/6, 10/8, 10/9, 10/13, 10/14, and 10/15 and Oahu: 10/16)

April 2009

State of Hawaii Land Board Approves Comprehensive Management Plan for Mauna Kea
<<http://www.malamamaunakea.org/management/comprehensive-management-plan/>>

July 2009

TMT Board of Directors Selects Maunakea as Preferred Site

2009

Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees adopts a motion to support Maunakea as the site for Thirty Meter Telescope project

Seven Draft EIS Meetings are held (Hawaii Island: 6/16, 6/17, 6/18, 6/22, 6/23, 6/24 and Oahu: 6/25)

March 2010

State of Hawaii Land Board Accepts CMP Sub Plans

May 2010

Mauna Kea Management Board Approves TMT Project

State of Hawaii Governor Approves TMT EIS

<http://www.malamamaunakea.org/uploads/management/plans/TMT_FEIS_vol1.pdf>

June 2010

University of Hawaii Board of Regents Approves TMT Project

August 2010

60-Day TMT EIS Challenge Period Ends

September 2010

Mauna Kea Management Board Approves Draft Conservation District Use Permit

State of Hawaii Land Board Accepts Draft Conservation District Use Permit

December 2010

State of Hawaii TMT CDUP Public Meetings in Hilo and Kona (12/2 and 12/3)

February 2011

The State Land Board Considers the UH application for a Conservation District Use Permit for the Thirty Meter Telescope, and Authorizes a Contested Case

March 2011

Hawaii State Legislature introduces Resolutions in support of TMT's Workforce Pipeline Program

May 2011

TMT CDUP Contested Case Pre-hearing

August 2011

Five TMT CDUP Contested Case Hearings (public) are held (8/14, 8/15, 8/17, 8/18 and 8/25)

September 2011

TMT CDUP Contested Case Hearings Conclude (9/26 and 9/30)

November 2012

Hearings Officer Paul Aoki issues hundred and twenty-four page ruling concluding that TMT is consistent with the purpose of the Conservation District and should be granted its Conservation District Use Permit.

February 2013

State of Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources hears oral arguments (2/12)

April 2013

State of Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources issues CDUP (4/12)

December 2013

Judge Nakamura, Third Circuit Court, holds hearing on the opponents appeal (12/13)

January 2014

All parties directed to provide briefs on any implications the Hawaii Supreme Court ruling had on the TMT case (1/21)

February 2014

Hearing on the implications of the ATST to the TMT case is held (2/20)

May 2014

Judge Nakamura, Third Circuit Court issues Final Judgment affirming Board of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii's Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Decision and Order Granting Conservation District Use Permit for the TMT at the Mauna Kea Science Reserve dated April 12, 2013 (5/5)

June 2014

Board of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii, approves TMT sublease with the University of Hawaii (6/27)

July 2014

After Three Public Hearings, the Board of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawaii votes to approve the sublease with the University of Hawaii Office of Hawaiian Affairs votes to not pursue a contested case regarding the approved TMT sublease with the University of Hawaii

October 2014

A Traditional Hawaiian Ground Blessing Ceremony is conducted at the TMT Site

March 2015

The Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources issues TMT a Notice to Proceed

December 2015

The Hawaii State Supreme Court vacates the Board of Land and Natural Resources' Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision and Order, dated April 12, 2013 and vacates the issuance of the Conservation District Use Permit, based on BLNR process error.

February 2016

Judge Nakamura, Third Circuit Court issues Order For Remand so a contested case hearing can be conducted before the Board of Land and Natural Resources or a new hearing officer.

May 2016

Contested Case Pre-hearings begin in Hilo

August 2016

TMT Pre-hearing Motions and Third Pre-hearing Conference in Hilo

October 2016

TMT Contested Case begins and all parties present their evidence.

February 2017

Contested Case continues in Hilo with witness testimony and cross-examinations.

March 2017

Contested Case oral arguments close, concluding the public portion of the hearing.

April 2017

TMT Contested Case transcripts available for review. Judge Riki May Amano (Ret) Hearings Officer sets the deadlines for the filing of proposed decisions and orders, including findings of facts and conclusions of law.

May 30, 2017 Proposed decision and order, findings of fact and conclusions of law.

June 13, 2017 Responses to decision and order, findings of fact and conclusions of law.

July 25, 2017

Hearings Officer files notice that the contested case is closed and that no further documents shall be accepted for this: CASE NO. BLNR-CC-16-002

July 26, 2017

Hearings Officer filed proposed Findings of Facts, Conclusion of Law and Decision and Order for consideration by the State of Hawaii Land Board.

August 21, 2017 Parties may file exceptions to the Hearings Officer's recommendations.

September 11, 2017 Responsive briefs to exceptions may be filed.

September 20, 2017

State of Hawaii Land Board heard oral arguments by the contested case parties commencing at 9am in Hilo, Hawaii.

September 27, 2017

State of Hawaii Land Board adopted the hearings officer's recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law and decision and order, with modifications, including additional conditions.

<http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/mk/documents-library/>

Based on findings of fact and conclusions of law, the CDUA and the TMT Management Plan are approved.

November 2017

The BLNR's decision was subsequently appealed to the Hawaii State Supreme Court. The matter is pending.

May 2018

The Hawaii Supreme Court scheduled oral arguments on the project's Conservation District Use Permit set for June 21, 2018 at 9:00 a.m