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Regulators cite solar exec for unpermitted Haleiwa commercial activities

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Honolulu regulators have cited a real estate development firm, headed by a Hawaii solar energy executive, for multiple violations at its Haleiwa property on Oahu's North Shore, including doing unpermitted work, Pacific Business News has learned.

Honolulu-based Hanapohaku LLC, which is owned by <u>Andrew Yani</u>, who founded the now-defunct Bonterra Solar and is a partner of Kinaole Capital Partners, purchased the three-acre commercially-zoned land in Pupukea near Foodland for \$5.5 million in 2014.

In late January, the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Planning and Permitting issued a notice of violation to Hanapohaku for alleged violations stemming from the developer not getting a special management area use permit for commercial activities taking place at its Shark's Cove property.

The city also said that grading work has been done on the property without the required permit.

Late last month, the city said that the violations have yet to be corrected and that it is ordering Hanapohaku to pay a fine of \$2,000 by March 30. If the violations aren't corrected by Tuesday,

Hanapohaku will be assessed a daily fine of \$500 until these violations are corrected.

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Cully Judd, a North Shore resident and founder of Honolulu-based Inter-Island Solar Supply, is no longer listed as being part of Hanapohaku, public records show.

In 2015, Yani told PBN that Hanapohaku was planning to build a couple of small retail buildings on its property.

"We're trying to do the improvements for the community and supporting local businesses," Yani said, noting that the two 700-square-foot retail buildings will most likely be occupied by locally owned retail businesses, although no agreements have been signed.

Food trucks, including North Shore Tacos and The Elephant Truck, among other businesses, currently utilize the property.

PBN has reached out to Hanapohaku for comment Monday.

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