

Timeline

2008	Seven Environmental Impact Statement (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 Maunakea
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 the Thirty Meter Telescope project
	Seven Draft Environmental Impact Statement (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 Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP) Sub Plans
May 2010	Maunakea Management Board Approves TMT Project
	State of Hawaii Governor Approves TMT Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
June 2010	University of Hawaii Board of Regents Approves TMT Project
August 2010	60-Day TMT Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Challenge Period Ends
September 2010	Maunakea Management Board Approves Conservation District Use Permit Application
	State of Hawaii Land Board Accepts Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) Application
December 2010	State of Hawaii TMT Conservation District Use Permit (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 (CDUP) 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 Conservation District Use Permit (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 a 124-page ruling concluding that TMT is consistent with the purpose of the Conservation District and should be granted its Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP)
February 2013	State of Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources hears oral arguments regarding the CDUP application (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 of the CDUP (12/13)
January 2014	All parties directed to provide briefs on any implications that the Hawaii Supreme Court ruling on the Advanced Technology Solar Telescope (ATST) project atop the summit of Haleakala on Maui had on the TMT case (1/21)
February 2014	Hearing on the implications of the Advanced Technology Solar Case ruling to the TMT case is held (2/20)
May 2014	Judge Nakamura, Third Circuit Court, issues Final Judgment affirming State of Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources' Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision and Order Granting Conservation District Use Permit for the TMT at the Maunakea Science Reserve dated April 12, 2013 (5/5)

July 2014	<p>After Three Public Hearings, the State of Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources votes to approve the sublease with the University of Hawaii</p> <p>Office of Hawaiian Affairs votes to not pursue a contested case regarding the approved TMT sublease with the University of Hawaii</p>
October 2014	<p>A Traditional Hawaiian Ground Blessing Ceremony is Conducted at the TMT Site</p>
March 2015	<p>The Hawaii State Department of Land and Natural Resources issues TMT a Notice to Proceed</p>
August 2015	<p>The Supreme Court hears oral arguments in a case against the State and University of Hawaii at Hilo related to the CDUP</p>
November 2015	<p>The Supreme Court issues a temporary stay on the Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) until December 2, 2015</p>
December 2015	<p>On December 2, 2015, the Hawaii Supreme Court invalidates the Conservation District Use Permit issued by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) to the University of Hawaii - Hilo to build TMT on Maunakea.</p> <p>At the time the permit was initially granted, a contested case hearing was also approved, as was a stay on construction pending the outcome of the contested case hearing. The Court in its decision noted: "Quite simply, the Board put the cart before the horse when it issued the permit before the request for contested case hearing was resolved and the hearing held. Accordingly, the permit cannot stand."</p> <p>The Supreme Court returned the case to the Hawaii Circuit Court with the following instructions: "We therefore vacate the judgment of the circuit court and the permit issued by the Board, and remand so that a contested case hearing can be conducted before the Board or a new hearing officer, or for other proceedings consistent with this opinion."</p>
February 2016	<p>The Third Circuit Court transfers the second Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) contested case hearing to the State of Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources.</p>

The TMT International Observatory Board of Governors announces that while Hawaii remains their first choice for the location of TMT, a review of alternate sites will be carried out while the second CDUP contested case takes its course.

- April 2016 On April 1, 2016, the State of Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources announces that retired Hawaii Island circuit court judge Riki May Amano (Ret.) has been selected as the hearings officer to conduct the second CDUP contested case hearing.
- October 20, 2016 The second CDUP Contested Case hearing begins in Hilo.
- October 31, 2016 The TMT International Observatory (TIO) Board of Governors announces that it has identified Observatorio del Roque de los Muchachos (ORM) on La Palma in the Canary Islands, Spain as the primary alternative to Hawaii.
- December 15, 2016 Third Circuit Court Judge Nakamura rules on an appeal filed by Kalani Flores to vacate the Board of Land and Natural Resource's consent to the University of Hawaii's sublease to the TMT International Observatory and require a separate contested case.
- March 2, 2017 The Evidentiary Hearings portion of the second Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) Contested Case comes to a close after hearing 71 witnesses over 44 days.
- May 30, 2017 Deadline for all parties in the second CDUP Contested Case to submit their findings of fact and conclusions of law.
- June 5, 2017 The Hawaii Supreme Court accepts an appeal of a lower court ruling that vacated the Board of Land and Natural Resource's consent to the University of Hawaii's sublease to the TMT International Observatory. The case will now be transferred from the Intermediate Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court.
- July 26, 2017 State Hearings Officer and former Judge Riki May Amano releases a 305-page report recommending that a Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) be issued to the University of Hawaii by the Board of Land and Natural Resources to allow construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope on Maunakea in Hawaii.
- Sept. 20, 2017 State of Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources hears oral arguments from all parties in the second CDUP contested case.

- Sept. 28, 2017 The State Land Board announces its decision to approve the Conservation District User Permit (CDUP) for TMT to be built on Maunakea.
- Oct. 30, 2017 TMT opponents challenge the new Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) by filing an appeal with the Hawaii State Supreme Court.
- March 15, 2018 The Hawaii State Supreme Court hears oral arguments related to the Consent to Sublease issue.
- April 13, 2018 The TMT International Observatory (TIO) Board of Governors defers a decision on whether to continue toward building the Thirty Meter Telescope in Hawaii, or to consider the alternative in the Canary Islands. A decision will be made on the planned location of the Thirty Meter Telescope as further progress is made in the legal and regulatory processes at both proposed sites.
- June 21, 2018 The Hawaii State Supreme court hears oral arguments related to the Conservation District Use Permit.
- August 8, 2018 The Hawaii Supreme Court issues its unanimous and favorable decision in the Consent to Sublease appeal reversing the decision of the lower court and finding that Kalani Flores was not entitled to a contested case hearing on BLNR's Consent to the Sublease between TIO and the University. As a result, the sublease is valid.
- October 30, 2018 The Hawaii Supreme Court, by majority decision, issued its opinion affirming the Board of Land & Natural Resources' decision to issue a Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) for construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) on Maunakea.

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