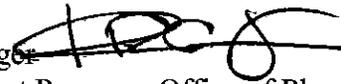


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To: Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)

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Subject: CZM Program Report to MACZAC

National Initiatives

National CZM Program Funding

On February 2, 2015, President Obama introduced the FY 2016 President's Budget which proposes budget levels for all federal agencies from October 2016 – September 2017. In the FY 16 budget, an increase is proposed for NOAA, and specifically, proposes level funding for the National CZM Program, plus approximately \$45 million in Resiliency Grants that will be distributed by a competitive proposal process. Final appropriations will not be set by Congress until the end of this calendar year or early 2016.

For FY 2015 (October 2015 – September 2016), the National CZM Program, is at level funding from FY 2014, plus an increase of \$5 million in Resiliency Grants (also to be distributed via a competitive proposal process). The Hawaii CZM Program is awaiting final allocation/funding guidance from NOAA for FY 2015.

Hawaii CZM Program

The following is a status summary of the Hawaii CZM Program and its initiatives as of end-of-year 2014.

- Fully staffed with 10 individuals
- 1 contractor (via RCUH) for two project areas (MACZAC Admin and Sub-Regional Ocean Partnership (Sub-ROP))
- CZM Website updated periodically (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/>)

Federal Consistency / Special Management Area

- 55 Federal Consistency Reviews completed; 63 pre-consultations performed
- 6 Special Management Area Use Approvals processed
(for Community Development Districts – Kakaako and Kalaeloa)
 - 6 Minor; 0 Use Approvals (Major)
- CZM Staff contacts are: John Nakagawa (Federal Consistency) and Shichao Li (SMA Permits)

Section 309 Assessment and Strategy / 2016-2020

- CZM staff completed Assessment portion of report
- Draft Strategy currently available for public review (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/czm-news/section-309-enhancement-program-assessment-strategy-2016-2020/>)
- Final Assessment and Strategy due for submission to NOAA by June 30, 2015
- CZM Staff contact is Justine Nihipali

Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP)

- Implementation underway with 2 Action Teams established (Appropriate Coastal Development/Coastal Hazards, and Coral Reef)
- Updated ORMP available on-line at (http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/czm/ormp/ormp_update_reports/final_ormp_2013.pdf)
- CZM Staff contact is Justine Nihipali

Community Stewardship Directory

- On-going update of directory first published in 2010
- Updated directory is proposed to be linked to GIS information and made available to the public as an on-line resource
- CZM Staff contact is Justine Nihipali

Coastal Non-Point Pollution Control Program (CNPCP)

- Three remaining Management Measures require approval by NOAA/EPA: (1) Roads/Bridges/Highways; (2) On-Site Disposal Systems (OSDS); and (3) BMP Monitoring
- Working with DOT, DOH, Counties (planning departments, public works departments) on completing the above Management Measures
- Information on the CNPCP can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/coastal-nonpoint-pollution-control-program/>)
- CZM Staff contact is Rebecka Arbin

Alternative Funding Mechanisms for Acquisition and Maintenance of Shoreline Public Access

- Project completed July 2014
- Copy of report can be found online at (http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/czm/initiative/Public_Access/2014_AlternativeFundingMechanismsForShorelinePublicAccess_FinalReport.pdf)
- CZM Staff contact is Nathalie Morison

National Estuarine Research Reserve in Hawaii

- CZM staff prepared the Site Selection Document which served as former Governor Abercrombie's nomination of the preferred site He'eia to NOAA. Nomination forwarded to NOAA in May 2014
- NOAA approval of nomination received on August 22, 2014
- Currently, designation process is in third phase - development of a Management Plan, Boundary Delineation, and a National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) document.
- Third phase projected to be completed in December 2015
- Latest information on NERRS Designation Process can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/nerrs-site-proposal-process/>)
- CZM Staff contact is Rebecka Arbin

Coastal and Estuarine Lands Conservation Program (CELCP)

- CELCP program has not been funded by NOAA for a number of years
- CZM Staff contact is Rebecka Arbin

Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP)

- Currently in the process of completing a CMSP Analysis Tool (web and GIS-based tool)
- Project to be completed no later than March 31, 2015
- CZM Staff contact is Josh Hekekia

CZM Dashboard and ORMP Report Card

- Continue to work with the Office of Information Management and Technology to create a CZM Dashboard and subsequently an on-line ORMP Report Card
- CZM Dashboard will display program's performance measures as reported to NOAA and will be a basis to add other OP divisions at a later date
- CZM staff contacts are Debra Mendes and Justine Nihipali

Climate Change Adaptation

- One of the ORMP Management Priorities
- Current focus is on the implementation of Act 83 (2014) – Inter-agency Climate Adaptation Committee (ICAC); DLNR and OP are co-chairs of the ICAC
- ICAC projected to have its inaugural meeting in May or June 2015
- Information on Climate Change Adaptation can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/adapting-to-climate-change-2/>)
- CZM Staff contact is Nathalie Morison

Coastal Hazards

- Continue with training of architects/engineers/planners on code requirements for specific coastal hazards
- Continue to partner with State and County Civil Defense Agencies; State Energy Office, and the private sector on coastal hazards, with tie-in to CZM efforts on climate change adaptation.
- Information on Coastal Hazards can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/coastal-hazards/>)
- CZM Staff contact is Ann Ogata-Deal

CRest Project

- OP-CZM Program received funding from the Coastal Resilience Networks Grant Program to examine existing county building codes and how such codes may incorporate climate change adaptation measures
- Primarily working with the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting on the project.
- Consultant recently selected; currently undergoing contracting
- Project will run, and final report to be published, no later than June 30, 2016
- CZM Staff contact is Nathalie Morison

Other Initiatives

- CZM Program was involved with a number of external groups and activities in 2014:
 - Oahu Greenprint (OHA/TPL)
 - Coral Reef Initiative Working Group (DLNR-DAR)
 - Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
 - Hokulea's World Wide Voyage (Castle Foundation)
 - Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) and HISC Resource Committee
 - NOAA – State DOA Aquaculture Working Group
 - State Natural Area Reserve System (NARS)
 - Aloha+ Challenge
 - Coastal States Organization
 - National Estuarine Research Reserve Association

- Continue to review environmental assessments/environmental impact statements to ensure CZM objectives, policies, and initiatives are considered