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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

For FY 2016 (July 2016 – June 2017), the CZM Program, is at overall level funding from FY 2015. Specifically, there was an increase in administrative costs [Section 306 funds] (due to collective bargaining contracts), and a reduction on project funding [Section 309 funds]. The CZM Program has been informed that they will be awarded a Project of Special Merit grant, which may be able to make up for the reduction on project funding.

Hawaii CZM Program

The following is a status summary of the Hawaii CZM Program and its initiatives as of date:

- 8 of 10 positions staffed (Policy Analyst and CZM Manager vacant; in recruitment)
- 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/>)

Section 309 Assessment and Strategy / 2016-2020

- Final Assessment and Strategy approved by NOAA and will begin implementation on July 1, 2016
- 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

- Updated directory is 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

National Estuarine Research Reserve in Hawaii

- Currently, designation process is in third phase - development of a Management Plan, Boundary Delineation, and a National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) document.
- Draft NEPA and Management Plan to be ready for public review in the July-August 2016 timeframe
- Third phase projected to be completed in December 2016;
- 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

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 meetings throughout 2016 and 2017
- Information on Climate Change Adaptation can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/adapting-to-climate-change-2/>)
- Interim CZM Staff contact is Rebecka Arbin

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 (Martin & Chock; Gary Chock
- Project will run, and final report to be published, no later than December 31, 2016
- Interim CZM Staff contacts is Ann Ogata-Deal and Leo Asuncion

Other Initiatives

- CZM Program is involved with a number of external groups and activities:
 - 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
 - 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