

May 10, 2019

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 2019 (July 2019 – December 2020), the CZM line item has increased \$500,000 from FY 2018.

### **Hawaii CZM Program**

The allocation to the State this year was \$2,480,605, which is an increase of \$20,954 from last year's funding. The following is a status summary of the Hawaii CZM Program and its initiatives as of date:

- 8 of 11 (2 are 0.5 FTE) positions staffed (1/2-time Project Analyst)
  - CZM currently has two Project Analyst vacancies and is actively recruiting, advertisement is posted on the non-civil service website.
- 1 intern position
  - The graduate intern position is filled but will be vacated when the intern graduates on May 11, 2019. Primary responsibilities are to support the ORMP Update.
- CZM Website updated periodically (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/>). Working on improving communications for consistency and currency. Analyzing existing website to make it more efficient and streamlined.

#### **Section 312 Evaluation**

- Currently waiting on draft findings from NOAA's Office for Coastal Management (NOAA-OCM). We've requested a status on the Section 312 Evaluation and expect to have draft findings by May 17, 2019.
- CZM Staff Contact is Debra Mendes

#### **Routine Program Changes**

- CZM submitted a formal review to NOAA-OCM in March 2019. NOAA confirmed receipt of the request April 9, 2019. A decision on the request is due May 9, 2019.
- CZM Staff Contact is Shichao Li

#### **Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP)**

- A joint ORMP Council/Working Group Meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2019 at the DLNR Boardroom.
- Current ORMP available on-line at ([http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/czm/ormp/ormp\\_update\\_reports/final\\_ormp\\_2013.pdf](http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/czm/ormp/ormp_update_reports/final_ormp_2013.pdf))
- The contract with the contractor, PBR Hawaii, was executed on April 29, 2019.
- CZM Staff contact is Melanie Lander

### 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 Debra Mendes

### Climate Change Adaptation

- Office of Planning Director and CZM Program Manager serve as Commissioners on the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission
- The Climate Commission held a meeting on April 24, 2019 at the DLNR Boardroom. The Office of Planning provided brief presentations on two items, Managed Retreat and the Carbon Offset Program. The Climate Commission formed 3 PIGs: Legislation Priorities, Climate Equity, and Transportation. CZM is a member of both the Legislation Priorities and Climate Equity PIGs.
- The Climate Commission voted to support a sea level rise program. CZM raised concerns of overlap with CZM's role but also with proactive work at the county level. CZM's vote was with reservations.
- The **next meeting** is July 17, 2019.
- CZM Staff contact is Justine Nihipali

### Coastal Hazards

- Section 309 Coastal Hazards Strategy for the *Probabilistic Tsunami Design Zone Mapping* contract has been executed and project is underway. The second technical meeting was conducted on May 3, 2019.
- *Updating the Hawaii Historical Shoreline Database*: Coastal erosion mapping for Kauai has been completed and presented to Kauai County Planning Department; and mapping for Oahu is underway. The Oahu mapping was presented to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) on January 16, 2019. CZM Staff contact is Shichao Li
- The HI-EMA Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update has been completed. CZM has explored use of FEMA pre-disaster mitigation funds to support the *Coastal Hazards Strategy for the Probabilistic Tsunami Design Zone Mapping* project. The CZM pre-proposal ranked highly, but due to the inability to meet the match requirement, CZM withdrew its application.
- Continue with training of architects/engineers/planners on code requirements for specific coastal hazards by request from Partners. N/A for this period. 2019 Hawaii Association of County Building Officials (HACBO) conference will be held May 29-31, 2019 at the Kona Sheraton. CZM will be providing financial support.

### County CZM Projects

- Maui County was provided resources to update its Public Access database. Work has been completed and final editorial steps are expected prior to public launch.
- Kauai County will be provided resources to update its Public Access database as well.
- DPP was provided resources to update its aerial seawall imagery database.
- Working with County of Hawaii to support Phase I of the project; *Analysis to Establish Research-Based Shoreline and Riparian Setbacks*

### Other Initiatives

- Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force. CZM staff is working to move forward 3 projects to meet objectives of Act 15, SLH 2018. The most recent meeting was held February 28, 2019.
- South Shore Promenade – Proof of Concept Study. CZM is expecting a preliminary report from the contractor February 15, 2019. The 3 catalytic sites are: (1) Ala Wai area, (2) Keehi Lagoon area, and (3) Richardson Field/Pearl Harbor Regional Park.
- 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
  - Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) and HISC Resource Committee
  - State Natural Area Reserve System (NARS)
  - Aloha+ Challenge
  - Coastal States Organization
- Continue to review environmental assessments/environmental impact statements to ensure CZM objectives, policies, and initiatives are considered