

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

July 3, 2014: 9:00am – 12:00 pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Ben Reder (NOAA)	Lucas Mead (HI County)
Bethany Morrison (Hawaii Co. Planning)	Matthew Gosner (UH SeaGrant)
Dolan Eversole (UH SeaGrant)	Miki Lee (Leeway Enterprises)
Debbie Solis (USACE)	Nathalie Morison (OP-CZM)
Emma Anders (DLNR)	Rob Parro (UH SeaGrant)
Jody Galinato (Kauai Co. Planning)	Sandra Rossetter (DOT Harbors)
Josh Hekeka (OP-CZM)	Shichao Li (OP-CZM)
Kaipo Due (UH SeaGrant)	Sue Sakai (MACZAC)
Leo Asuncion (OP-CZM)	

Welcome, Introductions, and Office of Planning (OP) Updates

Leo Asuncion, Acting Director, Office of Planning, welcomed participants to the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting. He made the following announcements:

- **New Staff to the Office of Planning:** OP welcomes Iris Mishima and Steve Richards.
- **Section 309 Strategy:** OP-CZM is beginning the process to develop its Section 309 assessment and strategy for fiscal years 2016-2020. The final NOAA guidance has been received and they have provided resources to examine. OP-CZM will be looking to the CZM network agencies in the coming months for input and examine available data for assessment purposes. Submission of the draft assessment and strategy is due to NOAA by February 2015, with the final assessment and strategy due June 30, 2015. The new Section 309 Assessment and Strategy will be implemented beginning July 2016.
- **Legislative update:**
 - In the last biennium 5,966 bills were introduced (3,216 this past session). 245 were sent to Governor Abercrombie. Of these 160 were signed to date, and nine will be vetoed. Senate Bill 2682, requiring the financial disclosure of appointees to specific boards and commissions, their spouses, and dependents, and making such disclosures public, has had negative repercussions not envisioned by the legislature – the resignation of board or commission members. Many of these boards or commissions may have trouble meeting because of lack of quorum and an inability to find replacements.
 - The Climate Change Adaptation bill (HB 1714) has been allocated approximately \$600,000, while the Invasive Species bill (HB 1716) was allocated \$5 million. Due to interim budget instructions, funding for these bills may not be available until January 1, 2015, and must be expended by the end of the current fiscal year.

- Land Use Commission: Solar energy facilities can now be located on paved or unpaved roads in Land Study Bureau “A” rated agriculture zoned lands.
- Kaneohe Bay Regional Council: Quarterly meetings will be held, chaired by the DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources Administrator. The National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NEERS) proposal for Heeia will need the council’s input.
- Economic development portion of the Hawaii State Plan now promotes entrepreneurship and innovative activities.
- Governor Abercrombie had signing ceremonies on a number of bills on the neighbor islands. The State does have an \$800,000,000 surplus (once was a \$250,000,000 deficit).
- A bill to re-examine the State Plan died in committee.

ORMP Action Team Update:

- Coral Reef Action Team (Next meeting scheduled for July 11th):
 - They will be updating tasks and track milestones
 - Continuing work on watershed plans
 - Workshop will be held to evaluate criteria. One of the big challenges they have is evaluating and obtaining data and how they measure success (e.g., erosion/sediment loss and its effect on coral reefs)
 - South Kohala Habitat Blueprint designation by NOAA. Additional data collection on sea level rise, salt water intrusion, and cesspool elimination.
 - Negligent introduction of sediment prohibited.
 - U.S. Coral Reef Task Force scheduled for September 8-12, 2014 on the island of Maui.
 - EPA is putting on a workshop on best management practices on September 9, 2014. Participant list to the Coastal Non Point Pollution Control Program workshops two years ago will be shared to get the word out on the BMP workshop.
 - Other issues include:
 - Nutrient input threats
 - Troublesome runoff
 - Ground cover
 - New developments
 - Stormwater development (no system to keep water onsite)
 - Stormwater discharges (illegal discharges into storm drains from pools and hot tubs)
 - Older sediment dams not being maintained or cleaned

- Appropriate Coastal Development and Hazards Action Team:
 - Fifth meeting scheduled for July 3 (10am – 12p).
 - Forty-two actions have been proposed to date.
 - Prioritizing is the next step.
 - They hope to present a list of prioritized consolidated working group and the Hawaii Ocean Council at the next meeting.
 - Information from the May 2014 Coastal Data Exchange conference available on OP website (uncertain at this point if this will be an annual meeting).

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

- Jody Galinato of the County of Kauai Planning Department shared that proposed amendments to Kauai's Shoreline Setback ordinances by the Kauai County Council was deferred.
- Dolan Eversole of the UH SeaGrant Program shared that Senate Bill 3036 which would have helped to manage the beaches of the North Shore of Oahu failed to pass. The City and County of Honolulu erosion management plan had put in a matching funding bill, but has since changed the wording to provide funds even without a state match.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

The next scheduled meeting of the Coordinated Working Group is **August 7, 2014**.