

Hawai‘i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

February 4, 2016: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Alton Miyasaka (DLNR-DAR)	Laura McIntyre (DOH-EPO)
Ben Reder (NOAA OCM)	Leo Asuncion (OP)
Bethany Morrison (HI Co. Planning) via phone	Matthew Gonser (UH Sea Grant)
Bob Stanfield (C&C Honolulu, DPP)	Nancy McPherson (DHHL)
Fiona Langenberger (PacIOOS)	Nicola Szibbo (C&C Honolulu, DPP)
Jim Buika (Maui Cty Planning)	Rebecka Arbin (OP-CZM)
Jim Coon (MACZAC)	Sandra Rossetter (DOT-Harbors)
Jody Galinato (Kauai Cty Planning)	Tom Eisen (OEQC)
Justine Nihipali (OP-CZM)	

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

Justine Nihipali, Office of Planning, Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program welcomed participants to the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting.

There were no new OP, or OP-CZM updates to share.

Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Action Team Status Update(s)

Rebecka Arbin, Planner, OP-CZM will be serving as interim Chair of the Appropriate Coastal Development & Coastal Hazards ACT, effective immediately.

Legislative Discussion

Ms. Nihipali distributed a legislative tracking list for *informational and discussion* purposes. The list is comprised of bills that may be of-interest to ORMP network agencies and includes bills that OP is tracking as well as bills submitted by other agencies.

Member agencies and partners contributed additional bills that may be of-interest. The comprehensive list (to-date) will be provided as a handout and posted online.

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

PacIOOS representative, Fiona Langenberger shared that PacIOOS contributed to a project related to water flow and sediment monitoring on coral reefs. You can read more about the project at, <http://www.conservation.org/NewsRoom/pressreleases/Pages/New-Study-Reveals-Strong-Connections-Between-Reef-Health-and-Land-Management-in-Hawaii.aspx>, and the paper is available at, <http://www.collabra.org/articles/10.1525/collabra.25/>. Supports MP#5

Maui County Planning Department representative, Jim Buika shared that the Department is procuring services to conduct a beach nourishment study for Kahana Bay, Maui as well as an analysis on the feasibility of offshore sand resources.

Kauai County Planning Department representative, Jody Galinato shared that the department is experiencing small successes with properties for retreat and redesign of structures via the shoreline ordinance. *Supports MP#1&2*

They are also providing assistance to a hui that will be undertaking a mangrove removal and fishpond restoration project. *Supports MP#7*

Kauai County shared a resource that provided guidance on appropriate landscaping methods for public plantings in Hawaii. Rick Barboza delivered training on native Hawaiian plants including low-water, water-cleaning, species that can be planted along shorelines. *Supports MP#1&2*

County of Honolulu Department of Planning & Permitting representative shared that the first meeting of the East Honolulu Climate Adaptation Study Group was held last week to discuss climate change and impacts on the area. Dolan Eversole provided a presentation on climate change impacts to the group. The discussion focused on soliciting a list of areas that the group would like to examine and focus on for increasing community resilience to impacts of sea level rise and coastal hazards. *Supports MP#1&2.*

In case you missed it

On behalf of DPP, Bob Stanfield appeared on the program: Insights on PBS Hawaii – Climate Change. *The University of Hawaii's Sea Grant Program predicts Hawaii will become increasingly warmer and stormier, and will be at risk of more vector-borne and water-borne diseases, over the next few decades. The most drastic change may be the rise in sea levels, which scientists predict will be one to three feet higher by the time today's infants reach retirement. What does all of this mean for Hawaii's ecosystem and economy?*

The discussion is available online for viewing at, <http://pbshawaii.org/insights-on-pbs-hawaii-climate-change/>

Next Steps & Housekeeping

- a. Please review “Council on Ocean Resources Draft Agenda” with respective Council Representative. Submit comments and availability for the timeframe of: May 9 – May 20, 2016 to Justine via email by February 29, 2016.