



# STATE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

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Environmental Council Meeting  
May 9, 2017, 1:00-3:30 PM  
Leiopapa A Kamehameha Building, Room 204

## Minutes

### Members Present:

Roy Abe, Mary Begier, Stephanie Dunbar-Co, Barbara Kaaumoana, P. Kaanohi Kaleikini, Theresita Kinnaman, Robert Parsons, Charles Prentiss, Joseph Shacat, Puananionaona Thoene, Michael Tulang,

### Members Absent:

Scott Glenn, I. Robin Kaye, Ronald Terry, N. Mahina Tuteur,

EC Counsel: Diane Agor, Deputy Attorney General

OEQC Staff: Charlotte Needham, Leslie Segundo,

Public: Chris Clark (DTS), Renee Yamasaki (DTS)

- 1) Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions, Quorum
  - a. Meeting called to order by Chair Shacat 1:03pm
  - b. Quorum met with 11 members in attendance.
- 2) Review and approval of prior meeting minutes
  - a. Meeting held on April 11, 2017
    - i. Motion by member Tulang to approve minutes, second by member Dunbar-Co, abstention by member Kaaumoana, motion approved.
- 3) Director's Report on OEQC Activities, Thomas Eisen, Sr. Planner
  - a. Status of revisions to Hawaii Environmental Policy Act Guidance Document
    - i. Draft of OEQC Guidebook by May 2017, release date to be determined
    - ii. Focus on rules revision following publication of guidebook
    - iii. OEQC has begun using MailChimp to facilitate the subscription to, and the distribution of, The Environmental Notice, which will provide data metrics about the subscriber base.
  - b. Status of OEQC SharePoint website update and rollout
    - i. OEQC Homepage, SharePoint 2003 to 2013
      - a. SharePoint (<http://oeqc2.doh.hawaii.gov>) 2013 a soft rollout is in progress. OEQC announced the site in the May 8, *Environmental Notice*, and has begun linking to it. OEQC also announced that the SharePoint 2003 server will to be taken offline in June 2017 and all links to the SharePoint

2003 site will redirect to the new SharePoint 2013 landing page.

- 4) Comments from the Chairperson
  - a. Congratulations to members of the Environmental Council who were recently confirmed by the Senate
  - b. Reminder to file financial disclosure with the Hawai'i State Ethics Commission by May, 31, 2017.
  - c. Review of recent news articles regarding the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (PMNM).
    - i. Interior Department Press Release, Public comment period for Antiquities Act Monuments which includes the PMNM, Executive Order 13792
    - ii. Motion by member Prentiss to provide comments during the formal open comment period based on the July 15, 2016 letter submitted to President Obama by the council in support of PMNM, member Tulang second the motion. Motion unanimously approved.
- 5) Review of legislative bill that may impact the mission of the Environmental Council and have passed out of the legislative session for signature by Governor.
  - i. Two of the bills that council was monitoring were sent to Governor for approval: SB1016, SD1/HD1/CD 1 Relating to Transportation extending the end date to June 2022 for certain bridge rehabilitation, and SB 559, SD1/HD2/CD1 Relating to Climate Change enacts relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement as Hawai'i State law.
  - ii. Motion by member Kaaumoana for Chair Shacat and member Begier to draft a Thank You letter to the Governor for his initiatives, member Tulang second the motion, motion unanimously approved. Draft letter to be reviewed by the council at the next meeting.
- 6) Exemption lists to be considered by the Environmental Council for concurrence:
  - a. Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority (see Attachment A).
    - i. Reviewed by Exemption committee, committee passed a motion to approve exemption list. Motion from committee Chair Prentiss for council to concur with the exemptions list submitted by NELHA and request that NELHA submit an introductory paragraph to the exemption list, Chair Shacat second the motion, motion unanimously approved.
- 7) Status of revisions to Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 11-200
  - i. PIG Committee is working on the Draft to EIS language, a definition for "substantially commence" and re-evaluating the

period for projects which have not started, and adding language for Drafting Programmatic EIS and where it's use is appropriate.

- 8) Information and Outreach Committee Report
  - a. Hawai'i Department of Health's policy on posting of warning signs for high bacteria levels.
    - i. DOH indicated that the Beach Act does not specify the frequency of water quality sampling. DOH, which has limited resources, will tend to do more sampling in areas with higher usage. Member Ka'aumoana noted that on Kauai, where only one DOH person performs sampling, DOH implemented a new "tiered system" where priority is given to sampling areas with high usage.
  - b. Potential initiatives on storm water pollution control, including public-private partnership with the hotel industry.
    - i. M. Begier has been attempting to contact the Kaanapali Operations Association to learn more about their storm water pollution control program. A similar program could potentially be implemented for Waikiki.
- 9) Open discussion regarding sustainability in Hawai'i's construction sector.
  - i. Member Parsons reported on the excavation and exportation of sand and aggregate primarily to Oahu for construction. Maui's Inland Sand Quantification study in 2006 shows resource will only support excavation for the next five years. Dunes contains a large amount of Iwi Kupuna.
  - ii. Question posed regarding the future of construction sustainability and lack of resources
    - economical option of importing rock and sand from Canada,
    - the State of Hawai'i does not classify sand as a mineral resource,
    - manufactured sand is expensive,
    - recycling construction materials, need state and county permits and acceptance, issuance of regional material credits
    - suggestion to include information in Annual report
- 10) Adjournment
  - i. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.