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Information and Outreach Committee

July 2, 2019, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Room 410, Capitol No. 1 Building, 250 South Hotel Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Minutes (Draft)

Members Present: Roy Abe {Chair}, Robert Parsons {Vice-Chair}, Maka'ala Ka'aumoana, Mary Begier
Members Absent: None
Public/Guests: Bill Cooper {State AG Office}, Cindie Ogata

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions and Quorum.**
Chair R. Abe called the meeting to order at 10:04 am with a quorum of four members present.
- 2. Review and approval of June 4, 2019 meeting minutes.**
On Item 4, second paragraph, seventh sentence, R. Parsons suggested that the phrase "entities that do not have a vested interest" be revised to "entities that do not have a direct economic interest." For the same paragraph, M. Ka'aumoana and R. Parsons recommended that for the first, seventh and ninth sentences, the word "felt" be revised to "suggested." The minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.
- 3. Discussion and follow-up actions for distribution of information from past invasive species forum and seabird presentations.**
R. Abe reported that Dan Dennison of DLNR has posted the presentations for the invasive species forum on the DLNR website at <https://vimeo.com/showcase/5886423>. There are separate files that can be viewed for the various presentations. M. Ka'aumoana also noted that the video was shared with the public broadcast station on Kauai. A request will be made to publicize the link on The Environmental Notice and have a permanent link on the OEQC website. The link will also be sent to those that signed in at the forum. The presentations at the seabird forum were not videotaped. A link, however, can be provided to the "Kala ma's Journey" website. M. Begier suggested that the general legislative mandate for the 1&O committee and how it should be accomplished be discussed at the Environmental Council meeting.
- 4. Discussion on future participation in Hawaii Conservation Conference and other events.**
Committee members agreed that participation in the Hawaii Conservation Conference, planning conferences, and other events should be planned ahead of the conference. The level of participation and budget requirements should be evaluated. It was agreed that participation at these events and in public conversations is worthwhile, especially when related to Chapter 343. M. Begier suggested asking other organizations for input on how

funding can be secured to sponsor participation by EC members. Due to challenges with securing funds through the EC budget, donations through a "Friends of the Library" type fund may be a possibility. Preparing a calendar of events and budget would be helpful.

5. Ideas and possible assistance from I&O committee in publicizing new EA/EIS rules.

It was concluded that OEQC will likely take the lead on publicizing the new rules and that the guidance document will be helpful once it is prepared.

6. Potential new topics and issues for I&O committee.

The topic of landfill diversion issue and obtaining public input during the solid waste planning process was discussed. Public meetings are typically held during the planning process, but there may be limited exchange of information among the counties. M. Ka'aumoana noted that economy of scale and actually following the plan are challenges on Kauai. M. Begier questioned whether this was part of EC's responsibility. Part of the challenge is differing factors on each island. It does not appear that there is a local conference in which information can be exchanged. R. Parsons will try to find out more about a local organization or conference for solid waste. The statewide invasive species council was mentioned as a good example how invasive species councils on the different islands share information. Guest Cindie Ogata shared her thoughts on public outreach that she felt would be helpful. They included working with the public to find a balance between chaos and being too rigid when faced with pressing infrastructure and other issues. She mentioned the book "Well-Tempered City" by Jonathan Rose and indicated that Singapore serves as a good example. She felt that technology can be used to capture and distribute information when council members cannot be present at conferences. Some public discussion topics that Ms. Ogata suggested included future food production and resiliency, ocean acidification, water sources, energy efficiency, waste reduction and management, and urban forestry. M. Ka'aumoana stated that coastal retreat is the biggest issue for Hawaii, which has Chapter 343 related components. The committee agreed that the legislative mandate for the EC, which includes tracking the progress of county agencies, should guide the work of the I&O committee.

7. Next committee meeting date and agenda.

The next committee meeting date will be based on the date of the future Environmental Council meeting.

8. Adjournment.

Adjourned 10:56 am.