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MINUTES

State of Hawaii Environmental Council
Tuesday, July 7, 2020, 1:00 PM– 3:30 PM
Zoom Meeting

David Y. Ige
Governor

Chairperson

Puananionaona Thoene

Vice Chair
Mary Begier

Members
Roy Abe

Stephanie Dunbar-Co
Dawn Hegger-Nordblom
Makaala Kaaumoana
Ian Robin Kaye
Theresita Kinnaman
Ron Terry
Michael Tulang
N. Mahina Tuteur

Members Present

Puananionaona Thoene (Chairperson), Roy Abe, Mary Begier, Stephanie Dunbar-Co, Makaala Kaaumoana, Keith Kawaoka (Acting Director), Robin Kaye, Theresita Kinnaman, Robert Parsons, Ron Terry, Michael Tulang, Mahina Tuteur

Members Absent

None.

Staff

Leslie Segundo (Environmental Health Specialist), William Cooper (Deputy Attorney General for the Environmental Council)

Public

None.

Note: **Bolded** items below indicate text from the agenda

1. **Call to order, roll call and quorum, introductions**

With a quorum of 12 members present, Chairperson Theone called the meeting to order at 1:09 PM. All present at the beginning of the meeting introduced themselves.

2. **Review and approval of prior meeting minutes**

No minutes were available.

3. **OEQC Director's Report**

Acting Director Kawaoka commented that legislature is winding down and that Friday will be the last day. The budget is not set yet, it will need to go to the Governor for his approval or veto. We need to find money to fund the Director's position.

As for bills we are tracking there are two. 1) There might be a hemp bill coming through, which gives a start to a hemp industry which concerns the Department of Health and Department of Agriculture. 2) A bill that wants to create a buffer zone for infrastructure facilities like landfills and wastewater treatment facilities. This will setup a one-mile buffer zone around conservation zone areas that will not be allowed to have an extension or new construction of those facilities. This bill will most likely get passed.

Genevieve Salmonson, former Director of OEQC, passed away last month.

4. Permitted Interaction Group update

Chairperson Theone announced that there have been two meetings to look at the rules. She states that they will revisit the PIG at a later time.

5. Exemption Committee Update

Committee Chair Terry stated that there is one new list for the Department of Land Utilization for City and County. He plans to contact them tomorrow with a few questions.

6. Legislative Committee Update

Committee Chair Kaye announced that the folks who were up for reappointment (Roy, Mike, Makaala, and Robin) were all approved through June of 2024.

Second update is that none of the ten to twelve bills the EC has been tracking have moved forward.

7. Annual Report Committee Update

Committee Chair Parsons stated that there has been some progress in 2019 Annual Report. The Committee received a draft back from Julie Hart on Gum Design on July 2nd. That didn't give us enough time to put it on the agenda for this meeting for everyone's review. Committee Chair Parsons said that he was able to get Glen to submit an outgoing Director's report.

Committee Chair Parsons asked how to go about submitting the draft to the full council. Chairperson Theone stated that it could be voted on at the next meeting and sunshine it or we can call a special meeting for this. Cooper stated that it would be best to sunshine it first.

Committee Chair Parsons stated that he will have the draft ready for the next agenda.

8. Information & Outreach Committee Update

Committee Chair Begier stated that there is nothing to report.

9. Next meeting:

Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 1:00 – 3:30 pm on Zoom

10. Public Forum

None.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm