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MINUTES

State of Hawai'i, Environmental Council
Tuesday, August 4, 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, Makaala Kaaumoana, Keith Kawaoka (Acting Director), Robin Kaye, Theresita Kinnaman, Robert Parsons, Ron Terry, Michael Tulang, Mahina Tuteur

Members Absent

Stephanie Dunbar-Co

Staff

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

Public

Julie Englehardt (Gum Design)

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

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

With a quorum of 11 members present, Chairperson Thoene called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. All present at the beginning of the meeting introduced themselves.

2. Review and approval of prior meeting minutes

None available.

3. OEQC Director's Report

Acting Director Kawaoka commented that the legislature has not ended their session. He commented that SB126 has been signed by the Governor so we are looking through the budget. For OEQC Director's position, Kathy was confirmed by the Senate, but no funding for the position.

4. Exemption Committee Update

Chairperson Terry commented that the Exemption Committee did not meet this past month.

a. Status of Exemption Committee review of agency exemption lists

Exemption Committee is planning on meeting next week with a list that will go out to the public for the Department of Design and Construction. Chairperson Terry also commented that there has been some back and forth with the Department of Land Management on edits for their exemptions list.

Les Segundo commented that there has been inquiries from the Judiciary of the State of Hawaii. The Judiciary wants OEQC to comment on the list, but Les was advised that the OEQC should not comment on this. William Cooper commented that this is an issue that should be brought up at a different meeting.

5. Legislative Committee Update

None.

6. Annual Report Committee Update

- a. **Review of draft Annual Report and action to approve the Annual Report with further non-substantive edits**

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Committee Chair Parsons thanked all those who have contributed to the Annual Report. Members commented that Julie did a great job on design and layout of the report and it's visually appealing. Member Abe sent in comments, but due to formatting issues, no substantive changes will be done.

MOTION: Committee Chair Parsons moved that the EC approve the 2019 Annual Report subject to small edits to be handled before publication. Committee Member Kaye seconded. Chairperson Thoene amended the motion to add that suggestions for edits should be directed to Committee Chair Parsons. The EC unanimously approved the motion (10-0-0).

7. Information & Outreach Committee Update

None.

8. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 1:00 – 3:30 pm

Next meeting will be on Zoom.

9. Public Forum

Member Abe mentioned that Laura McIntyre, former OEQC Planner, passed away last month.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 PM.