MINUTES
Information and Outreach Committee Meeting
State of Hawaii Environmental Council
January 5, 2021 Meeting
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Meeting held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Members Present (4):
Mary Begier (Chair); Roy Abe; Dawn Heger-Nordblom; Mahina Tuteur

Members Absent:
Rob Parsons

Staff Present:
Les Segundo

Public Present:
None

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

2. Minutes unavailable for March 3, 2020 meeting due to pandemic

3. Reviewed our discussions of last year prior to pandemic shutdown of meetings we may want to have a presence at.

4. Report provided by I&O chair, Begier on zoom meeting with Jonathan Likeke Sheuer regarding avian malaria work. When is it appropriate for parties to make presentation to the full EC? when is a subject appropriate for I&O to put together a forum?

Discussion of how in some ways it is easier to get more participation via zoom or other digital meetings tools yet we are leaving out some of the community. How can we enable more community to be comfortable with digital meetings. For example there are Cultural Impact Assessment scoping meetings being held that people are unaware of and would likely participate if they did. What is the EC/OEQC role. Can I&O help?

Need to research state rules on members using their private zoom accounts to host forums. Forums have been held on Saturdays in the past when OEQC/EC support staff would not normally be working. Will check with acting director Keith Kawaoka.

HIPA / 106 (I do not remember what this was about. Need to ask Dawn to clarify.

Want to keep the solid waste subject on our agenda.

Mahina will check with UH Law school as to ability to participate with us on zoom style forums.
5. Next meeting will be 2/2/2021

6. Adjournment.

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