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MINUTES

State of Hawai'i Environmental Council
Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 1:30 PM– 3:30 PM
Online Zoom Meeting

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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), Mary Begier (Vice-Chairperson), Roy Abe, Dawn Hegger-Nordblom, Makaala Kaaumoana, Robin Kaye, Theresita Kinnaman, Ron Terry, Michael Tulang, Mahina Tuteur

Members Absent

Stephanie Dunbar-Co, Keith Kawaoka (Acting Director), Robert Parsons

Staff

Leslie Segundo (Environmental Health Specialist), Kathy Ho (Deputy Attorney General)

Public

Nancy McPherson and Malia Cox (Department of Hawaiian Homelands), David Penn

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

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

With a quorum of ten (misquoted as nine) members present, Chairperson Thoene called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM.

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

None available.

3. **OEQC Director's Report**

Deferred as Acting Director Kawaoka is in legislative meetings.

4. **Exemption Committee Update**

a. **Review of and action to concur with the City & County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services exemption list**

Committee Chair Terry commented that the Exemption Committee was ready to concur but noticed that the Department of Environmental Services failed to add standard disclaimer language in the beginning.

MOTION: Committee Chair Terry moved from the Committee (no second needed) to concur with the City & County of Honolulu Department of Environmental exemption list with the addition of disclaimer language in the beginning of the list. The Environmental Council unanimously approved the motion (10-0-0).

b. Review of and action to approve publication of State of Hawai'i, Department of Hawaiian Homelands exemption list for public comment

MOTION: Committee Chair Terry moved from the Committee (no second needed) that the State of Hawai'i Department of Hawaiian Homelands exemption list be approved for publication for public comment. The Environmental Council unanimously approved the motion (10-0-0).

c. Discussion of agency feedback on exemption notices

Committee Chair Terry commented that questionnaire was sent to every agency that is expected to send an exemption notice once a month to OEQC which is published for the public. A lot of agencies are not doing this. The feedback from the agencies that replied was that this is a good process, and they believe that it makes their agencies more diligent on considering environmental impacts. One person provided oral feedback to Committee Chair Terry and asked for better training on creating the exemption notices.

5. Annual Report Committee Update

Chairperson Thoene updated the Council that the Annual Report was sent out in early February.

6. Legislative Committee Update

a. Update on pending legislation that may impact the Council

Committee Chair Kaye commented that the HB1318 hearing was today and passed with one reservation. HB901 hearing is tomorrow. The rest of the bills that the Committee is tracking have not moved forward.

b. http://oeqc2.doh.hawaii.gov/EC_Meetings/2021-03-02-Proposed-Legislation-re-EC-as-of-221.pdf

7. Rules Committee Update

a. Discussion of potential amendments to Hawai'i Administrative Rules Title 11, Chapter 201

Committee Chair Tuteur commented that the rulemaking changes depend on if the appeals process stays within the EC. If the process stays, the Committee is looking to update the rules to reflect the ability to file electronically, increase the fee of filing, send one draft for public comment, and take out any Council appeal references in Chapter 91. Members commented to have a rationale document and if increasing the 30-day comment period, to look at the intent of what the Council needs to do.

8. Information & Outreach Committee Update

a. Action to approve I&O organizing forums to present the following topics:

Committee Chair Begier commented that the forums will now begin in June so as not to disrupt the legislative calendar.

- i. Climate Change, Sea Level Rise, Shoreline protection & erosion prevention**
- ii. Watershed protection & Better stormwater management**
- iii. Improved transportation modes**
- iv. Waste Reduction & Improved Waste Disposal**
- v. Reduce Water & Energy Use**
- vi. Growth Management and Destination & growth management**

MOTION: Committee Chair Begier moved from Committee (no second needed) that the Council approve the I&O forum topics. The Environmental Council unanimously approved the motion (10-0-0).

Member Tulang left the meeting.

- b. Action to approve the following proposed approximate dates for the I&O forums, subject to panelists availability:**
 - i. Wednesday, June 16, 2021**
 - ii. Wednesday, July 21, 2021**
 - iii. Wednesday, September 15, 2021**
 - iv. Wednesday, October 20, 2021**
 - v. Wednesday, December 8, 2021**

MOTION: Committee Chair Begier moved from Committee (no second needed) that the Council approve the proposed dates for I&O forums, subject to panelist availability. The Environmental Council unanimously approved the motion (9-0-0).

9. Strategic Planning Permitted Interaction Group Update

- a. Update regarding strategic planning for the Council**
- b. Update on strategic planning survey**

Committee Chair Kaye commented that the list of agencies receiving the survey is being complied. Member Abe commented that he will work on getting email addresses.

10. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 6, 2021, 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Rules, Exemption, Legislative, I&O committees will meet.

11. Public Forum

None.

Chairperson Thoene moved to have the EC go into Executive Session. Member Kaye seconded. The Environmental Council unanimously approved the motion (9-0-0).

The Council went into Executive Session at 2:40PM and resumed the regular meeting at 3:13PM.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 PM.