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August 2021 Meeting Minutes Draft
For Review at December 2021 Meeting
Exemption Committee Meeting
State of Hawai'i Environmental Council
Meeting Held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 12:00-1:00 PM
Via ZOOM videoconference

Members Present (4): Ron Terry (Chair); Maka'ala Ka'aumoana, Robin Kaye, Puananionaona

Thoene after 12:12

Members Absent (1): Michael Tulang

Public Present: None

Staff Present: Leslie Segundo, Planner

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

With a quorum of three members, Mr. Terry convened the meeting at ~ 12:05 PM. All present were introduced.

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

July minutes had been switched with I&O minutes in the final agenda package, so no ExCom minutes were available.

#### 3. Exemption list status (includes only items with action or discussion at meeting)

Agency	Status	Action
ACTION LISTS		
Honolulu Board of Water Supply	Chair reviewed list that was revised pursuant to his previous discussions with DTS.	Review of list and consideration for recommendation to Council to request ERP to publish for public comment in next available Environmental Notice
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No representatives from BWS attended the meeting, but the committee discussed the proposed list in their absence. Mr. Kaye had some questions. Page 2, No. 26, R&M, should reservoir maintenance be de minimis? Mr. Terry said those are probably tanks, not earthen reservoirs. Mr. Kaye said OK, maybe so, but what about "dam maintenance" on the next page, No. 38. Given the Kaloko Reservoir issue, we need a conversation with BWS. Ms. Kaaumoana wanted to know how many BWS reservoirs there are. Mr. Terry said what about Lake Wilson, near Wahiawa. That is a known problem, but it is probably irrigation and recreation only. Ms. Kaaumoana suggested we forward a list of questions that we develop at the meeting. Mr. Kaye asked about Page 4, replacement of fuel tanks. Ms. Thoene asked if this was intended for existing sites, or replacement in a new site. The first one is easier to accept for de minimis. The

language is not there on the instance Mr. Kaye brought up. Ms. Kaaumoana asked if these were tanks like Red Hill. Mr. Terry said I doubt it, because of the BWS's extreme concern about the Red Hill Tanks. Ms. Thoene stated that the size is critical. There is language later that Mr. Terry had asked BWS to specify: tanks of 10,000 gallons or less. Mr. Terry asked what else is out there. Mr. Kaye asked about "demolition of reservoirs." Mr. Terry said they are probably small ones, and likely tanks. Ms. Thoene noted that there might be some inconsistency about whether they use Part I or Part II for reconstruction or demolition. Mr. Kaye had actually identified that. Mr. Terry said he would contact BWS and relay the questions and also request that they really try to attend the next meeting, because their responses to our questions may lead to follow-up questions. Other members agreed that would be an acceptable approach.

Ms. Kaaumoana asked about the solicitation concerning County-wide lists. Did we ask the Counties? Mr. Terry said based on our presentation from the Maui County Planning Director, they are aware of it and may update it as a County-wide. The County of Hawaii has been made aware of it and two agencies stated that they did not want to do a County-wide. It would be good to get Kauai to at least discuss it and maybe attend one of our meetings.

Mr. Terry brought up Honolulu P&R again. Thought he might want to reach out to them and try to put it on the agenda. Ms. Kaaumoana said yes. Ms. Thoene said their approach seems counter to the Rules. It would be interesting to see if they are making exemptions in the formal way, Part 2.

## 4. Next meeting date and agenda.

Probably no need in September. Mr. Terry will be gone in October. So probably November, if there are lists or other business before us. No members brought up any other business.

#### 5. Adjournment.

Chair Terry adjourned the meeting at ~12:37 PM.