



# STATE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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February 2022 Meeting Minutes Draft

Exemption Committee Meeting

State of Hawai'i, Environmental Advisory Council

Meeting Held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 12:00- 1:00 PM

Via ZOOM videoconference

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Governor

Chairperson  
Puananionaona Thoene

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

Members Present (4): Ron Terry (Chair); Puananionaona Thoene; Robin Kaye.

Members Absent (1): Michael Tulang. Maka'ala Ka'auomoana.

Staff Present: Leslie Segundo, Planner, Jodi Yi, Attorney General.

Public Present: Dominic Dias (Honolulu Board of Water Supply [BWS]); Lynette Kawaoka, Herman Tuiolosega, Tomo Murata, Traci Lum, Hannah Hays, Misako Mimura, Faith Caplan (Hawai'i Department of Transportation [DOT]).

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

With a quorum of four members, Mr. Terry convened the meeting at ~ 12:05 PM. All present were introduced and each individually said that they were alone in the room that they were in.

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

Taken out of order at end of meeting. Minutes of January were approved (Kaye/Thoene) unanimously with no edits or additions.

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

Agency	Status	Action
<b>ACTION LISTS</b>		
Hawai'i Department of Transportation (DOT)	List published for minimum 15-day comment period in TEN of November 23, 2021. Committee provided with list and the one written comment received.	Review of list and consideration for recommendation to Council to concur.
Honolulu Board of Water Supply	Initial list provided to Chair in February 2021, who sent initial comments to DTS, which has revised LIST. Original list with comments and replies, and clean revised list provided.	Review of list and consideration for recommendation to Council to request ERP to publish for public comment in next available Environmental Notice (TEN).

BWS action items was taken up first. Mr. Dias said he had no statements, but thanked the committee for its review. Mr. Terry said that their latest revision had satisfied all his comments. Ms. Thoene stated that the only problem was almost a typo, at the top, a reference to the old section of the rules dealing with exemptions. Please change to Section 15. Robin thanked the BWS for the attention they are were giving this, given the Red Hill Tank crisis. No members of the public

wished to comment on the BWS list. Motion to recommend that the EAC release the list for public comment (Kaye/Thoene) passed unanimously, after agreed upon amendment that they correct the reference to the section of the rules. Mr. Dias was asked to attend EAC meeting at about 1:10, if possible.

DOT items was taken next. Mr. Terry noted that most of the DOT team was at the previous meeting. After that meeting, Mr. Terry provided a list of written comments that the committee had requested DOT consider a response too. Mr. Terry noted that DOT provided a written memo, which in his opinion were responsive and satisfied our request for information. He asked the committee if they had any questions or comments. Mr. Kaye said he understood the responses, and even if he did not agree with all of them, he appreciated their thoroughness. Ms. Thoene had similar comments. She said in the end, it is DOT's list and we understand the difficult jobs you are faced with and your responsibility to make these decisions. She was satisfied with the list and ready to move forward. Mr. Murata thanked the committee for the several meetings, and he believes that DOT was able to provide a concise and adequate list. He asked if other DOT members had any comments. None were offered. Mr. Terry thanked Mr. Murata for providing a concise list and he hoped the committee's suggestions resulted in changes that will be implementable. The list can always be amended in the future. No members of the public wished to comment on the DOT list. Motion to recommend that the EAC concur with the list (Thoene/Kaye) passed unanimously.

**4. Next meeting date and agenda.**

First Tuesday of March, time TBD, but at this point, there are no items on agenda so committee may not meet until April. There was a discussion of whether an Exemptions Committee meeting would conflict with the strategic planning discussion. Perhaps have a brief committee meeting first and then have a brief action items on the main agenda. TBD.

**5. Adjournment.**

Mr. Terry adjourned the meeting at ~12:33 PM.