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To: Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)

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Subject: CZM Program Report to MACZAC

National Initiatives

National CZM Program Funding

For FY 2017 (July 2017 – June 2018), the CZM Program is at overall level funding from FY 2016. The CZM Grants for CZMA Sections 306/306A (Program) and 309 (Project) total to about \$69.5 million nationally. For the FY 2018 budget, the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee released the full Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations report, which includes funding for Coastal Zone Management grants level with FY2017 funding at \$70 Million. The Regional Coastal Resilience Grants are funded at \$15 million and remain under the Coastal Management Grants line item.

Hawaii CZM Program

The following is a status summary of the Hawaii CZM Program and its initiatives as of date:

- 10 of 11 (2 are 0.5 FTE) positions staffed (1/2 time Project Analyst)
- 1 contractor (via RCUH) for MACZAC.2 student help positions, 1 intern position (to be recruited)
- CZM Website updated periodically (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/>). Working on improving communications for consistency and timeliness.

Section 312 Evaluation

- The Hawaii CZM Program will undergo a Section 312 Evaluation towards the end of FY17 or early FY18. CZM will be requesting MACZAC involvement as part of its legislative responsibility to evaluate and advocate for the program.
- CZM Staff Contact is Debra Mendes

Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP)

- Implementation underway with 2 Action Teams established (Appropriate Coastal Development/Coastal Hazards, and Coral Reef)
- Appropriate Coastal Development/Coastal Hazards ACT led by OP is exploring the implications and feasibility of managed retreat. Consultant is SSFM. The project includes a symposium (slated for January 2018) and a final report due June 2018
- Updated ORMP available on-line at (http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/czm/ormp/ormp_update_reports/final_ormp_2013.pdf)
- CZM Staff contact is Melanie Lander

Community Stewardship Directory

- 2015 Community Stewardship Directory to be updated w/assistance from student help

- CZM Staff contact is Melanie Lander

Coastal Non-Point Pollution Control Program (CNPCP)

- Three remaining Management Measures require approval by NOAA/EPA:
 1. Roads/Bridges/Highways
 2. On-Site Disposal Systems (OSDS)
 3. BMP Monitoring
- Working with DOT, DOH, Counties (planning departments, public works departments) on completing the above Management Measures
- Information on the CNPCP can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/coastal-nonpoint-pollution-control-program/>)
- CZM Staff contact is Rebecka Arbin

National Estuarine Research Reserve in Hawaii

- Designation Ceremony scheduled for August 26, 2017
- Latest information on NERRS Designation Process can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/nerrs-site-proposal-process/>). Incorporates latest outreach in form of storymapping
- Will no longer be reporting as UH-HIMB is the lead agency for implementation
- CZM Staff contact is Rebecka Arbin

Climate Change Adaptation

- One of the ORMP Management Priorities
- Current focus is on the finalization of Act 83 (2014) – Inter-agency Climate Adaptation Committee (ICAC); DLNR and OP are co-chairs of the ICAC
- ICAC projected to have a draft report for Committee review this fall, to be finalized by December 2017 when it is due to legislature
- Information on Climate Change Adaptation can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/adapting-to-climate-change-2/>)
- Act 32, SLH 2017 changes the ICAC to the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Commission
- Interim CZM Staff contact is Rebecka Arbin

Coastal Hazards

- Continue with training of architects/engineers/planners on code requirements for specific coastal hazards
- Continue to partner with State and County Emergency Management Agencies; State Energy Office, and the private sector on coastal hazards, with tie-in to CZM efforts on climate change adaptation
- Information on Coastal Hazards can be found on-line at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/coastal-hazards/>)
- CZM Staff contact is Sandy Ma

CRest Project

- OP-CZM Program received funding from the Coastal Resilience Networks Grant Program to examine existing county building codes and how such codes may incorporate climate change adaptation measures
- Primarily working with the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Planning and Permitting on the project
- Project will run, and final report to be published, no later than December 31, 2017
- CZM Staff contact is Sandy Ma

Other Initiatives

- CZM Program is involved with a number of external groups and activities:
 - Coral Reef Initiative Working Group (DLNR-DAR)
 - Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
 - Hokulea's World Wide Voyage (Castle Foundation)
 - Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) and HISC Resource Committee
 - State Natural Area Reserve System (NARS)
 - Aloha+ Challenge
 - Coastal States Organization
 - National Estuarine Research Reserve Association
- Continue to review environmental assessments/environmental impact statements to ensure CZM objectives, policies, and initiatives are considered