2014 COASTAL DATA EXCHANGE

CONSERVATION DISTRICT USE APPLICATION (CDUA) and PERMIT (CDUP)

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DATA DEMAND DISCUSSION

MY PLANNING TOOLBOX:
* Conservation District Use Application (CDUA);

WHY I USE THIS PLANNING TOOL?
* CDUA compiles information on the proposed project areas Natural, Environmental, Cultural, Archeological, Historical, and Scenic resources or potential impacts into one document;

* Enables the State to limit, restrict and/or regulate land uses depending on the resource potential of the area [subzones];

HOW I USE THIS TOOL?
* The CDUA provides a holistic regulatory approach to resource management;

* Provides for input from a variety of State and local agencies, NGOs, Community Groups/Associations and local residents;
DATA IN USE:
* ArcGIS (w/State data); Aerial Photography (Google, Bing, SOEST, USGS); previous EIS, EA, AIS, etc. reports; Peer reviewed articles; Site visits;

* Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 13 Chapter 5 (HAR Ch. 13-5) provides the guidelines for regulating “identified land uses in the Conservation District”.

DATA NEEDS:
* Historical County tax, property, permit records;

* CZM - OP input on existing or proposed coastal impacts.

WHAT I WOULD LIKE THE WORLD TO LOOK LIKE IN 10 YEARS:
* Action items take precedent over creating more “planning documents”;

* A realization that “all or nothing” planning strategies are not realistic; Logic and Government don’t always mesh, therefore planners must remain dynamic and open to changing/alternate attitudes, perception and agendas.
COUNTY PLANS AND GENERAL PLANS:
* If a landowner is not required to do “something” then it will not be done.

SETBACKS:
* Shoreline setbacks are dictated by the County when parcel is located outside of the Conservation District; Counties should be more stringent with regards to shoreline setback exemptions;

PROTECT THE PUBLIC TRUST:
* Our primary goal is to protect the public trust resources that are located within the Conservation District, while this typically includes all beach resources, other “pristine” or protected lands (i.e., parks, forest reserves, etc.) are included;
How To Improve MY PLANNING TOOLBOX

COORDINATE DECISIONS:
* Agency coordination is key; OCCL believes better cooperation with CZM and County SMA Planners is important to creating a consistent regulatory framework for coastal projects;

* While each island has its own character, we cannot continue regulating each county separately.

REGULATE SHORELINE ACTIVITIES:
* Counties must be more restrictive with regards to land uses makai of the certified shoreline but within the shoreline area; across the islands precarious shoreline construction is still being conducted all with approval by the Counties and apparently with no CZM input.

PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR FUTURE DECISIONS:
* Personal and agency agendas cloud planning practices and implementation; We need to let go of county-centric planning practices and work together as one entity.