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## Focus Areas 2 & 3

*Marine impacts of  
freshwater  
management*

Meet Our March Presenter:

A Mauka to Makai Approach to  
Planning



*'An Introduction to the Commission on Water Resource Management: Selected Policies and Programs and Connections to the ORMP'*

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This month we are examining the impacts of surface and groundwater management on coastal and marine ecosystems. The ORMP strives for a holistic approach to coastal zone management and stewardship. Therefore, it is important to consider the roles of various stakeholders and agencies involved in resource management and permitting. With this understanding, we hope to build partnerships that strengthen a mauka to makai approach and move towards cross-departmental engagement.

Our March presenter will focus on the programs and responsibilities of the Commission on Water Resource Management and how we might find future opportunities for collaboration in implementing the ORMP.

### **2021 Legislative Session**

The CZM team is tracking several bills currently making their way through the legislature. The week of March 4<sup>th</sup>, you will receive a list of ORMP-related bills. It is mainly for your reference, but we will allot meeting time to discuss any bills of particular interest.

### **Questions?**

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