Managed Retreat is an adaptation option that removes vulnerable coastal structures from areas threatened by coastal hazards. The factors governing such considerations— financing, insurance, legal, policy, public access, open space, and social justice— make the conversation around managed retreat complex and fascinating. After deeming an assessment of the potential for managed retreat in the state of Hawaii a priority of the ORMP Action Team for Management Priorities #1 & 2, the project Assessing the Feasibility and Implications of Managed Retreat Strategies for Vulnerable Coastal Areas in Hawai‘i was developed. Our March presenter will share the final output of this ORMP Action Team Implementation Project and discuss the synthesis of the project’s background report, statewide case studies, and January 2018 Managed Retreat Symposium into a final report.

Following this presentation, please join us for an optional viewing of Sinking Cities: Miami, a PBS documentary covering many sea level rise-related issues analogous to those faced in Hawaii.