Environmental Planning Office (EPO)

Supports all of EHA
EMD (CAB, CWB, SHWB, SDWB, & WWB),
EHSD (IRH & SAN), SLD, HEER, ERO, CAO & EIM
EPO Role & Activities

- Review and disseminate land use documents
- Provide strategic direction to all of EHA
  - State Strategic Plan LOB Environmental Health Management
  - DOH Strategic Plan – EHA sections
- Compile information on all of EHA
  - EHA Annual Report section for DOH Annual Report
  - Annual Environmental Health Management Report (indicators)
  - Enforcement Data Summary
- Start new initiatives (e.g. JTMD activities)
- Coordinate outreach and communication with other agencies
- Assist with EPA grants
- EHA ALL – Coordinate EHA State Legislative Activities
Clean Water Branch (CWB)

Statewide coastal and inland water surveillance and watershed-based environmental management

- Permit issuance
- Monitoring (over 3,000 ocean samples)
- Enforcement (Maili`ili Stream $1.4m)
- Funding of PRC projects
- Public education
Safe Drinking Water Branch

- Safeguard and protect drinking water sources (surface and groundwater) from contamination
  - Engineering
  - Enforcement
  - Monitoring
  - Underground Injection Control (UIC)
  - Groundwater protection
Wastewater Branch (WWB)

- Review and approve all new wastewater systems
- Monitor all existing wastewater systems
  - in 2012 – 296 inspections
- Implementation of the planning, design and construction of several major wastewater treatment works projects
- Loan agreements
Polluted Runoff Control (PRC)

- Within the Clean Water Branch
- Guided by the HI NPS Mgt Pgm Plan for PRC (July 2000) – updating plan in 2013
- Receives EPA funds for CWA Section 319(h) grants
- Currently there are 10 ongoing 319(h) funded projects – BMP’s, development of Watershed Based Plans (WBP’s), construction of bio-swales, rain gardens, etc.
- End of Fiscal Year 2012 Report available at:
Water Pollution – SB1134 & HB903

- Description: Authorizes the Director of Health to adopt, through rules, fees to help fund operations of the DOH in managing pollution from Nonpoint source (NPS) and Individual Wastewater Systems (IWS’s - e.g. cesspools).
  - Fees for owners of IWS’s
  - Management plans
RFP – Marine Debris Removal

- Possible due to a:
  - $50k grant from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and;
  - $50k match funding from the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

- The intent of this funding is to support on-going habitat conservation activities in coastal areas of the Main Hawaiian Islands by increasing the removal of marine debris through a statewide RFP.

- Successful projects will remove marine debris, with a focus, as possible, on potential JTMD items.

- This RFP operates in cooperation with other related and ongoing activities of State and Federal partners.

- RFP posted on 2/6/13
  - EPO website: www.hawaii.gov/health/epo

Due: Friday, March 8th, 2013 by 4:30pm (HST)
Thank you

- Questions?

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