

**Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan  
Coordinated Working Group**

**Meeting Summary**

November 30, 2023, 9:30 – 11:30 am  
Office of Planning & Sustainable Development  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
235 S. Beretania Street

**Attendees:**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency/Organization</b>	<b>Virtual</b>
1	Madeline Sherman	HIMB	X
2	Jim Buika	Maui County Planning Dept	X
3	Rebecca Candilasa	Dept of Health (DOH) – Clean Water Branch (CWB)	
4	Marie Williams	Kaua'i County Planning Dept	X
5	Shichao Li	OPSD – CZM	
6	Sarah Chang	OPSD – CZM	
7	Brandon Hee	Dept of Transportation – Highways Division	
8	Alicia Summers	Kaua'i County Planning Dept	X
9	Jodi Higuchi Sayegusa	Kaua'i County Planning Dept	
10	Amy Kirchner	National Disaster Preparedness and Training Center	
11	Kristen Longaard-Turner	National Disaster Preparedness and Training Center	
12	Kristi Kimura	OPSD – CZM	
13	Liz Krueger	City & County of Honolulu Dept of Planning & Permitting	X
14	Melanie Landers	University of Hawai'i (UH), Sea Grant	X
15	Leah Laramée	Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission	
16	Shellie Habel	Sea Grant and Climate Resilience Collaborative	X
17	Todd Low	Dept of Agriculture	X
18	Nancy McPherson	Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands	X
19	Deb Mendes	OPSD – CZM	
20	Brian DeSanti	Department of Energy	
21	Katie Nalesare	UH Hawai'i Coral Reef Initiative	X
22	Justine Nihipali	OPSD – CZM	
23	Lara Noren	Dept of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR) – Div. of Aquatic Resources (DAR)	X
24	Ben Reder	US Army Corps of Engineers	X
25	Brad Romine	UH Sea Grant; DLNR – Office of Conservation & Coastal Lands (OCCL)	X
26	Kevin Sullivan	Hawai'i County Planning Dept	X
27	Rachel Beasley	OPSD – CZM	
28	Yuki Terada	OPSD – CZM	
29	Sofia Luczak	OPSD – CZM	

30	Cuong Tran	National Disaster Preparedness and Training Center	
33	Amy Wirts	UH Sea Grant; DLNR – OCCL	
32	Scott Miyashiro	DOH Non-Point Source Program	
33	Matt Gonser	City Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resilience	
34	Alex Yee	City Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resilience	

## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Justine Nihipali, Program Manager, Coastal Zone Management Program (OPSD-CZM), welcomed participants and introduced two new OPSD employees: Rachel Beasley and Sofia Luczak. Participants introduced themselves and the organizations/agencies they were representing.

## **Build Out of Cross-Agency Project Map Viewer**

- Viewer creation was motivated by the influx of federal funds. Would like to leverage agency topics/projects (active and in planning process) via cross agency collaboration. The viewer is seen as a living document where agencies/organizations can submit federally funded projected and current projects. This viewer will allow project managers to assess overlapping areas of interest and need.
- Presentation of current projects beginning with statewide projects and then county-by-county. Prompts for projects discussed: Name, Agency, Brief description, phase of implementation, looking for partners?
- Projects, in general (see Map Viewer for full list of projects):
  - i. DAR is conducting many federally funded projects on coral restoration as well as estuary restoration.
  - ii. Hawaii County to address coastal shoreline setbacks and riparian buffers.
    1. Kirstin L. T. is interested in connecting on this project.
  - iii. 319 Funding (DOH) is aimed at addressing impaired State waters.
    1. Scott M. and Jim B. connected regarding working with Joanne Sito and the environmental science hui.
  - iv. Jim B. stated that there is federal money to strengthen public infrastructure; is a 150 million hazard mitigation grant; does require matching funds; is a Hawaii only grant.
    1. Nancy M. is interested in this grant for generators for Molokai.
  - v. Strategic Plan for the DPR, Division of Urban Forestry does not currently look at beach and dune restoration but could in the future.
- Looking to connect:
  - i. Kirstin L. T. requested agency feedback regarding being able to say she is working with other agencies on a project: LOA NOAA workforce development, climate ready project, creating pathways for coastal zone managers.
  - ii. Jim B. is interested in getting resources/connecting for an environmental and coastal resources assessment for Lahaina to conduct an EIS or EA.
  - iii. Kirstin L. T. is interested in connecting with Community Based Organizations (CBO) to develop climate champions (C&C project? Alex).
    1. Marie W. stated a project of theirs (re looking for staffing support to help implement climate adaptation plan) sounds relatable to CBOs to

develop climate champions. She is also looking for letters of support for this project.

- iv. Kirstin L. T. interested in connecting with DOT regarding the Kaaawa Elementary School project (revetement and dry stack wall).
  - v. Jodi Higuchi is looking for letters of support for their Hanapepe project.
- Questions:
    - i. Will the viewer link to pivot tables and spreadsheets?
    - ii. Can the viewer be linked with DOH's list of projects?
    - iii. HDOA Limu and Wastewater project, a question came up if there is linkage with DOH.
    - iv. What is the next step for the Punaluu project? Amy Wirts stated that the current funded project was for feasibility. The consultant did build into their report the "bones" for an Environmental Assessment. Next step is to obtain funding for planning/design/construction.
    - v. DOT, do they monitor the number of times a road gets over topped with water/ocean? Answer: No, they do not.
    - vi. Is there a way to make the viewer more interactive and collaborative?

#### **Roundtable Updates and Announcements**

- Progression Energy bought 9 acres in Kaneohe (close to the connection center); wind shore project is a potential.
- November 14, 2023, the Maui County Planning Commission passed the new SMA rules.
- Sea Grant Symposium is on December 8.
- Waikiki Future Plan: Sarah to send out a link to register.

#### **Next Steps and Housekeeping**

- Next meeting will be in January or February 2024. For this meeting, CZM is working with Chip's lab to present some of their work.