

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

June 4, 2015: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Adam Heyns (FEMA)	Jim Coon (MACZAC)
Andy Bohlander (DLNR-OCCL/UH Sea Grant)	Jody Galinato (Kauai Cty Planning)
Ben Reder (NOAA OCM)	Justine Nihipali (OP-CZM)
Bethany Morrison (HI Co. Planning)	Laura McIntyre (DOH-EPO)
Bob Stanfield (C&C Honolulu DPP)	Leo Asuncion (OP)
Bradley Romine (DLNR-OCCL/UH Sea Grant)	Matthew Gonser (UH Sea Grant)
Fiona Langenberger (PacIOOS)	Nathalie Morison (OP-CZM)
Jackie Martinez (Kauai Cty Planning)	Robin Kavarsky (NDPTC)
Janice Fukawa (US Navy)	Shichao Li (OP-CZM)
Jim Buika (Maui County Planning)	Tara Owens (UH Sea Grant)
	Tatiana (UH Sea Grant)
	Tom Eisen (OEQC)

Welcome, Introductions, and Office of Planning (OP) Updates

Justine Nihipali, Planner, OP Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program welcomed participants to the Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP) Coordinated Working Group (CWG) meeting.

The Interagency Climate Adaptation Committee (ICAC) held its inaugural meet on June 3, 2015 and provided a briefing for participating agencies. The ICAC is co-chaired by DLNR-OCCL and OP, and public meetings will be held quarterly to report on progress outcomes.

The public access advisory committee that advised the development of the “Alternative Funding Mechanisms for Acquisition, Improvement and Maintenance of Shoreline Public Access” Report will be reconvening on June 10, 2015.

The Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) will be meeting to review proposals that have been submitted for FY 16 funding. Approximately \$4.75 million was appropriated during the 2015 legislative session to address invasive species prevention, control, outreach, and research. The Office of Planning sits on the HISC on behalf of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT). Relevant ORMP metrics include support for addressing aquatic invasive species through DLNR-DAR.

The first draft of the National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) management plan for Heeia has been submitted to OP-CZM for review. A meeting with the site partners will be held on June 5, 2015 to incorporate their feedback for the official draft plan which is expected towards the end of the month.

Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Presentation: Development of Post-Disaster Reconstruction Guidelines and Protocols for Conservation of Coastal Resources and Protection of Coastal Communities, Maui County, Hawaii.

Jim Buika, County of Maui, Planning Department, Planner
Tara Owens, UH Sea Grant Extension Agent

Mr. Buika and Ms. Owens presented outcomes from their Maui County project to address challenges faced when addressing balancing best practices for environmental resources and reconstruction efforts after a natural hazard event.

The products are intended to develop a system for county planning offices to expedite the permit process for reconstruction after an episodic event such as hurricane, flood, etc. In the wake of a disaster event, county permitting agencies may be inundated with thousands of additional requests in addition to normal application load. Therefore, the project seeks to address how to streamline the permitting process, while maintaining best practices for reconstruction. In summary, the project goals were to develop reconstruction guidelines and protocols that:

- expedite the rebuilding process;
- triage actions to address immediate and long-term needs;
- protect sensitive environmental and cultural resources;
- respond in a planner manner without arbitrary and capricious decisions; and
- incorporate mitigation and adaptation strategies to become a more resilient community.

The project promotes best practices, in part, to:

- ensure reconstruction is permitted and therefore is eligible for FEMA assistance and private insurance, and
- reduce county liability for potential future damages due to unpermitted construction when performed under emergency proclamations.

The project also produced public messaging guidelines for Maui Planning Officials for key messages and responses for different scenarios disaster events.

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

C&C of Honolulu DPP Representative, Bob Stanfield shared that the DPP Director has provided to his staff, standard comment language requesting consideration for impacts and addressing sea level rise (SLR), for inclusion in review comments for any new public or private projects in shoreline areas. The standard comment refers the applicants to utilize the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Sea Level Change Curve Calculator.

Maui County Planning Representative, Jim Buika shared that Maui County has moved forward a project to develop an ordinance for the county to have first right of refusal to accept sand that is going to be graded, removed, or sold. A draft is anticipated by the end of 2015.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

- a. The next ORMP CWG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 2, 2015, from 9am-12pm.
- b. Hawaii Ocean Council meeting, TBD