

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

October 5, 2017: 9:00am – 12:00 pm
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Name	Agency/Organization
Balassiano, Katia	City and County of Honolulu-DPP
Bass, Danielle	OP-SPB
Blair, Thomas	City and County of Honolulu-DPP
Callender, Tova (via phone)	West Maui Ridge To Reef
Coon, Jim	MACZAC
Eisen, Tom	OEQC
Galinato, Jody	Kauai County Planning
Goldberg, Stuart (via phone)	NOAA Fisheries
Gonser, Matt	Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency
Harper, Doug	Malama Maunaloa
Hekeia, Josh	OP-CZM
Kekuewa, Kristina	NOAA-OCM
Lander, Melanie	OP-CZM
Langenberger, Fiona	PaclOOS
Li, Shichao	OP-CZM
Morrison, Bethany (via phone)	Hawaii County Planning
Nihipali, Justine	OP-CZM
Nielson, Brian	DLNR-DAR
Rossetter, Sandra	HDOT
Stanfield, Bob	City and County of Honolulu-DPP
Webster, Lisa	OP
Presenter	
Ersbak, Katie	DLNR-DOFAW

Welcome, Introductions

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

Office of Planning Updates

Justine shared that Leo Asuncion could not attend the meeting due to work travel in the United Kingdom.

Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Justine shared the status of several current CZM initiatives:

- On October 2, 2017 OP CZM posted for bid RFP 18-01-OP, Development of Comprehensive High Resolution Probabilistic Tsunami Design Zone Maps Compatible with ASCE 7-16 for the Island of O’ahu. The purpose of the project is to develop high resolution probabilistic tsunami design zone maps for the City and County of Honolulu for use with the International Building Code 2018 / American Society of Civil Engineers 7-16 Standard, which includes tsunami loads and effects. The project will result in maps and tsunami design provisions to be adopted as part of the Hawaii State Building Code and City and County of Honolulu Building Code to mitigate tsunami risk to coastal zone construction.
- A NOAA-funded CZM Project of Special Merit for FY2017 was awarded in the amount of \$225,000 to continue to review and update shoreline erosion maps for Kaua’i, Maui, and O’ahu. The project period commenced on October 1, 2017 and runs through March 2019. The project will use current aerial imagery to update the Hawaii historical shoreline database and model updated historical rates of change in support of existing policies. The updated rates will be applied to the development of revised projections of future erosion probability for the major sandy portions of shoreline on Maui, Oahu, and Kauai.
- Hawaii CZM is hosting the annual [Coastal States Organization \(CSO\)](#) 47th Annual Fall meeting, from October 16th-20th, 2017. OP Director Leo Asuncion serves as chair of CSO, a non-profit advocacy group representing the 35 U.S. Coastal States, Territories & Commonwealths on ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resource issues.
- The Appropriate Coastal Development and Coastal Hazards (Management Priorities #1 and #2) Action Team is convening following the ORMP CWG to discuss the upcoming Managed Retreat Symposium, scheduled for January 2018.

Melanie Lander announced the CWG’s meeting focus, Management Priority #3: Watershed Management. She introduced the meeting’s presenter, Katie Erbak, a watershed planner for the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DLNR-DOFAW). Katie’s presentation, ‘[Watershed and Native Ecosystem Protection in Hawaii](#)’, focused on the importance of upper mauka watershed health, the many threats invasive species and climate change pose to our watershed ecosystems, and agency efforts to stem these threats through the fencing of priority native watersheds and watershed partnerships.

DLNR-DOFAW is the lead in implementing Management Priority #3, Goal A, ‘Increase in the amount of protected watershed priority areas based on climatic conditions (elevation and moisture zones) and land cover types that provide higher recharge and fog capture as stated in the “Rain Follows the Forest Plan” (2011)’. Goal A seeks to promote increasing the acreage of lands protected from invasive plant and animal species through various management strategies. DLNR-DOFAW’s Watershed Partnerships Program has partnered with the Department of Health (DOH) in carrying out Goal B, ‘Improve coastal and stream water quality’, specifically through the implementation of a Section 319 project in West Maui.

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

Jody Galinato, Kauai County Planning Department, shared that the Planning Department recently had a full-day meeting with the County Council regarding the [Draft Kauai General Plan](#) which drew many attendees.

Katia Balassiano, City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), thanked attendees of last month’s Hawaii Congress of Planning Officials (HCPO) Conference. The CZM-funded update of the county’s shoreline structures database is ongoing. On August 16, 2017 the county’s [new water quality rules](#) went into effect. The county is working on training practitioners and assessing initial enforcement issues. The county will be hiring a consultant soon to conduct Phase 1 of the zoning ordinance update, which will involve public outreach. Phase 2 will include the drafting of code amendments. Food truck legislation is also being reviewed island-wide in order to better regulate food trucks in the Special Management Area (SMA).

Tom Eisen, Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), shared that the rules for statewide environmental review process are currently being revised. The Environmental Council has the authority to revise the rules, and OEQC is supporting their efforts. Comments on the draft rules can be submitted on the [OEQC website](#) in an interactive forum. Tom also noted that OEQC will be hiring a new Planner III in the near future.

Sandra Rossetter, Department of Transportation-Harbors (HDOT), has been working on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the [removal of Hana Pier](#). Responses are currently being drafted for over 100 comments received. The Honolulu Harbors Master Planning effort has begun, but the notice to proceed has not yet been issued.

Bob Stanfield shared that the East Honolulu Sustainable Communities Plan Draft is expected to be available this fall for public review. Central Oahu Sustainable Communities Plan has gone to the County Council for review and has been sent to the Planning Committee and is likely to be reviewed around November. The Ko'olaupoko Sustainable Communities Plan has been adopted and includes strong commitments to coastal protections. The Ko'olauloa Sustainable Communities Plan is in the County Council queue, and may not be approved until after the County General Plan update next year.

Lisa Webster, OP Marine and Coastal Advocacy Council (MACZAC) Coordinator, announced that a MACZAC meeting will be held at OP on November 3, 2017 from 9:30 am-2:30 pm.

Danielle Bass, OP- Special Plans Branch (SPB), announced that she is working on the 10 year report for the Hawaii Sustainability Plan with the goal of creating a baseline and establishing metrics for statewide sustainability. The update will be completed in early 2018.

Matt Gonsler, Honolulu Office of Climate Change, Sustainability, and Resiliency (formerly University of Hawaii (UH) Sea Grant), stated that the [Hawaii and Pacific Islands King Tides Project](#) will collect citizen scientist-generated data and photographs of the king tides occurring in the early mornings of November 7-8 and December 6-7, 2017.

Bethany Morrison, County of Hawaii, reported that the Ka'u Community Development Plan was approved by the County Council and will now be sent to the Mayor. The Hawaii County Planning Commission is reviewing proposed SMA rule amendments, specifically related to the director's approval of SMA minor permits, and various updates to be consistent with the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The Hawaii County General Plan update is ongoing.

Brad Romine, UH Sea Grant, announced (via email), "OCCL held a multi-agency pre-consultation meeting on 9/29 for development of a programmatic environmental assessment (PEA) for Small Scale Beach Restoration (SSBR) projects statewide. This PEA is the first step in hopefully re-establishing a streamlined permitting program for SSBR. A draft PEA will be made available for agency and public review in early 2018. Mahalo to the agency representatives that attended, including John and Shichao from CZM. The first [Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Commission meeting](#) will be held on October 11 from 8:30am - 12:45pm at Hilton Hawaiian Village. The event will include opening remarks from BLNR Chair, Governor, update on the State Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report, and discussion of priorities for the new Commission. As a reminder, this Commission replaces the Interagency Climate Adaptation Committee per Act 32, 2017."

Next Steps & Housekeeping

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2017.

*Please note, this is the *second* Thursday of November.

Adjourned at 11:00 am.