

# Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

## Meeting Summary

February 1st, 2018: 9:00am – 12:00 pm  
Office of Planning, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

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### Present:

Name	Agency/Organization
Asuncion, Leo	OP
Balassiano, Katia	City and County of Honolulu Planning
Bennett, Stephanie	NOAA-OCM
Braxton, Rebecka	OP-CZM
Buika, Jim	Maui County Planning
Coon, Jim	MACZAC
Dunn, Natalie	DLNR-DAR
Eisen, Tom	OEQC
Fukawa, Janice	US Navy
Galinato, Jody	Kauai County Planning
Harper, Doug	Malama Maunalua
Li, Shichao	OP-CZM
Lander, Melanie	OP-CZM
Langenberger, Fiona	PacIOOS
Ma, Sandy	OP-CZM
McPherson, Nancy (via phone)	DHHL
Nihipali, Justine	OP
Staubus, Olivia	OP-CZM Student Helper
Webster, Lisa	OP

### Welcome, Introductions

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

### Office of Planning Updates

Leo Asuncion, OP Director, shared several updates with the CWG:

- OP is tracking close to 150 bills during the 2018 Legislative Session (Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH)) and is testifying on about 70 bills.
- OP is working to develop a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) master plan. The '[State of Hawaii Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development](#)' was approved by the TOD Council in December 2017.
- The [Hawaii Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission](#), formerly the Interagency Climate Adaptation Committee (ICAC), established by Act 32, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2017, will convene next on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Justine shared the status of a current CZM initiative:

- The [ORMP Dashboard](#) launched in mid-December and has been featured by several media outlets, including a press release by the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT), Hawaii Public Radio's '[The Conversation](#)', [Global Travel Industry News](#), [Maui Time](#), and [Big Island Now](#).

Rebecka Braxton and Sandy Ma, co-chairs of the ORMP Appropriate Coastal Development and Coastal Hazards Action Team (ACT), led an overview of the "[Assessing the Feasibility and Implications of Managed Retreat Strategies for Vulnerable Coastal Areas in Hawaii](#)" Symposium, held on January 11, 2018. The project was conceived as a result of the efforts of the ACT as they focused on the implementation of ORMP Management Priorities #1 and #2.

- The symposium included two guest speakers who spoke about their experiences implementing managed retreat: Fawn McGee, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) [Blue Acres Buyout Program](#) and Bureau Chief of State Land Acquisition and Stefanie Sekich-Quinn, Coastal Preservation Manager of [Surfrider Foundation](#). Fawn presented remotely on the [NJDEP Superstorm Sandy Blue Acres Buyout Program](#). Stefanie presented on the [Managed Shoreline Retreat at Surfers' Point in Ventura California](#).
- The symposium also included four [panels of Hawaii-based experts](#). The panels were organized by theme, including: Finance/Tax/Economics, Insurance/ FIRM, Legal/Policy, Open Space/Public Access/Social Justice.
- Rebecka reviewed an itemization of invitees compared to those who attended the event.
- Event feedback included praise for raw and honest panel discussions, appreciation of the balance between known and new voices, and the desire for more of an emphasis on native Hawaiian perspectives and other voices not heard at the event, including banking, the tourism/resort industry, and homeowners.
- A final report for the "Assessing the Feasibility and Implications of Managed Retreat Strategies for Vulnerable Coastal Areas in Hawaii" project is expected June 2018.
- Hypothetical next steps for this initiative could include identifying criteria for a potential pilot project and/or developing guidance for property owners to facilitate a discussion of options and alternatives in the face of sea level rise and coastal hazards.

Justine led a discussion on SLH 2018 ORMP-related bills currently being tracked and monitored by OP.

### Next Steps & Housekeeping

The next CWG meeting is scheduled for Friday, [March 1, 2018](#).

**Adjourned at 12:05 pm.**