

Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Coordinated Working Group

Meeting Summary

April 4, 2019 - 9:00am – 11:00 am
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Name	Agency/Organization
Asuncion, Leo	Office of Planning
Bennett, Stephanie	NOAA-OCM
Coon, Jim	MACZAC
Galinato, Jody	Kaua'i County Planning Department
Gloor, LeAna (via phone)	Hawai'i County Planning Department
Harper, Doug	Mālama Maunaloa
Hekeia, Josh	OP-CZM
Higuchi Sayegusa, Jodi	Kaua'i County Planning Department
Lander, Melanie	OP-CZM
Langenberger, Fiona	PacIOOS
Li, Shichao	OP-CZM
Maeda, Troy	DOH-CWB
Mezzacapo, Michael	UH Water Resources Research Center & Sea Grant College Program
Nihipali, Justine	OP-CZM
Stubbs, Brad	DLNR-DAR
Usagawa, Barry (via phone)	Honolulu Board of Water Supply
Webster, Lisa	OP-CZM
Yamada, Zach	WPRFMC
Presenter:	
Matsumura, April	DOH-Wastewater Branch

Welcome, Introductions

Melanie Lander, Project Analyst, 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:

- On April 3, 2019 Leo was confirmed by the legislature as a Commissioner of the [Public Utilities Commission](#). Mary Alice Evans has been nominated as Director of the Office of Planning and will need to be confirmed by the Senate before starting her new role. Ms. Evans currently works in the Office of Planning as Manager of the Special Plans Branch. Leo plans to start his new role on May 1, 2019.

- Several ongoing legislative tracking and updates include:
 - o [SB908 SD2 HD1](#) Establishes a statewide Sustainability Division within OP. If successful in becoming law, the measure would add about 5 positions to OP led by an administrator, Danielle Bass, the current State Sustainability Coordinator.
 - o The OP budget requests have been approved, but several project appropriations are being reviewed for subject-matter appropriateness in their assignment to the department.

Coordinated Working Group Working Session

Justine Nihipali, CZM Program Manager, shared several updates from the CZM Program:

- Justine represented the Hawai'i CZM at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Program Manager's Meeting and Coastal States Organization business meeting in Washington D.C. from March 11-15, 2019. Justine met with Hawai'i's congressional representatives and updated their staff on CZM and ORMP implementation.
- The CZM Program will be undergoing several strategic planning efforts in 2019, including the Update of the ORMP and developing the program's 'Section 309' [CZM Enhancement Program](#) Assessment and Strategy for the 5-Year period starting in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021.
- On April 24, 2019 Justine will be briefing the [Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission](#) on the final report, [Assessing the Feasibility and Implications of Managed Retreat Strategies for Vulnerable Coastal Areas in Hawai'i](#).
- Future ORMP Coordinated Working Group meetings will soon evolve to increase their focus on information about the ORMP Update. Meetings may be interspersed between informational gatherings about ORMP metrics, update processes, convening of the ORMP Council, and following the ORMP Update, Action Team implementation.

Melanie Lander announced the focus of the meeting, *Water Reuse in Hawai'i* with presenter April Matsumura from the Department of Health (DOH) Wastewater Branch. April's presentation covered the current use of recycled water in the state, the importance of reusing water, best practices, county projects, and future goals and trends in the field.

ORMP Agency Updates and Announcements

Jodi Higuchi Sayegusa, Kaua'i County Planning Department, announced that the West Kaua'i Community Plan Update is currently considering the extent to which SLR will be incorporated into plan. A draft of the community plan will be available in the coming months. The Kaua'i County Planning Department Long-range Division was recently honored by the American Planning Association (APA) for the Kaua'i General Plan Update, which was adopted in 2018. The county received the [Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan](#).

Michael Mezzacapo, University of Hawai'i (UH) Water Resources Research Center (WRRC) and UH Sea Grant, [introduced himself](#) to the group. He will be serving as the Water Resources Outreach Specialist.

Brad Stubbs, Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources (DLNR-DAR), announced that Brian Nielson is now the full-time administrator of DLNR-DAR. Brian and David Delaney, DLNR-DAR Coral Planner, are currently in Washington DC for the [United States Coral Reef Task Force meeting](#). Brad also shared that the Roadmap to 30x30 will be released at the end of May or in early June.

Fiona Langenberger, Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System (PacIOOS), announced that in partnership with UH

Sea Grant College Program, the summer [Hawai'i and Pacific Islands King Tides Project](#) dates will be July 2-3 & July 31-August 1. PaCIOOS and UH Sea Grant worked together to improve the project's submission platform. PaCIOOS has also recently hired a new operations coordinator, Chip Young, formerly with NOAA.

Justine Nihipali, Hawai'i CZM, announced that the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) [National Coastal Resilience Fund](#) request for proposals is now accepting submissions. A pre-proposal webinar will be held on April 11, 2019. The pre-proposal deadline is May 20, 2019. If selected, the full proposal deadline is July 22, 2019.

Lisa Webster, Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC), announced that the next MACZAC meeting will be held on May 10, 2019 on Hawai'i Island. The meeting will include a tour of the [Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawai'i Authority](#) (NELHA) facility.

Troy Maeda, Department of Health (DOH) Clean Water Branch, informed the attendees that more permanent signage posting is being considered for sites with chronic brown water and bacterial exceedances. Permanent signage at these sites will reduce the amount of email notifications sent out by the DOH [water quality notification system](#).

Andrew Porter, DLNR-DAR, introduced himself as the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Legal Fellow. Andrew discussed the passage of the [Commercial Vessel Incidental Discharge Act](#), which "requires the U.S. Coast Guard to address the regulation of discharges incidental to the normal operation of a commercial vessel into navigable waters, including ballast water discharges and aquatic nuisance species contained in the discharges". The legislation prohibits the passage of more stringent state regulations than the federal standard. DLNR-DAR has introduced several resolutions to the legislature, including [HCR 189](#), [SCR 155](#), [SR 121](#), and [SR 132](#). SR 121 was adopted on April 2, 2019.

Stephanie Bennett, NOAA Office of Coastal Management (OCM), shared that the March Program Manager's Meeting in Washington D.C. was a success, and that a presentation of Hawai'i's report, *Assessing the Feasibility and Implications of Managed Retreat Strategies for Vulnerable Coastal Areas in Hawai'i*, gained positive attention at the national event. The 2019 Pacific Program Manager's Meeting will be held in Hawai'i during the first week of December. The exact location is yet to be announced. Stephanie will be transitioning from her position of Pacific Islands Regional Grant Program Manager into a training position in July of 2019.

Melanie Lander, on behalf of Katia Balassiano (via email), City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), announced that the DPP "will be soliciting proposals shortly from vendors who can update and ultimately digitize our shoreline photo archive. The project was funded with \$32,000 from CZM." This project will document existing structures looking landward from the makai perspective to monitor shoreline activities and assist with permitting.

Melanie Lander, on behalf of Janice Fukawa (via email), US Navy, shared "a few things that the Navy does to address water conservation and reuse:

- All the military services are required to follow Installation Master Planning criteria, Uniform Facilities Criteria (UFC) 2-100-01, which directs the services to incorporate strategies to reduce water consumption in their master plans (i.e. use of greywater, designing low maintenance landscape features, etc.).
- The Navy Region Hawai'i Energy Management Program has three main focus areas: Instilling a culture of conservation, investing in technology, and Influencing operations to execute the mission at the lowest possible energy usage and cost. As a part of this program, the Region's Water Management Policy was developed to reduce or eliminate water waste in Region facilities and to meet the two percent per year

reduction in agency industrial, landscaping and agricultural water consumption, as mandated in Executive Order 13693 - Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade (19 March 2015).

- Naval Facilities Engineering Command Hawai'i's (NAVFAC HI's) Energy Team participates public awareness events that highlight energy and water conservation, in conjunction with Earth Day and Energy Action Month."

Justine Nihipali, Hawai'i CZM, announced that she will be attending a meeting with the Department of Defense (DOD) through the US Marine Corps called the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program, related to the update of the Encroachment Plan. The meeting will be discussing the integration of restoration and conservation initiatives into the planning of compatible uses surrounding military bases, with the goal of avoiding land-use conflicts that may interfere with military activities.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

The next CWG meeting will be convened as a joint meeting with the ORMP Council. The date is to be determined and will likely occur in late May 2019.

Adjourned at 10:55 am.