

SUMMARY OF MINUTES FROM LAND BOARD BRIEFING
OCTOBER 9, 1997 (ITEM #2)
BOARD ROOM, DLNR
5:00 p.m.

Attending Board Members: Chairman Mike Wilson, Chris Yuen, William Kennison, Lynn McCrory, Kathryn Inouye

Staff: Dean Uchida, Sam Lemmo

Consultant: Dr. Chip Fletcher, University of Hawaii, Department of Geology and Geophysics

Staff introduced the consultant to the Board members and briefly described the purpose for the briefing and some background. The consultant made a presentation with a visual aides (overhead and slide projector) and discussed the problem of coastal erosion and beach loss in the State of Hawaii.

The consultant illustrated the results of the University's research into the problem of coastal erosion and beach loss pointing to various overheads depicting erosion vs accretion rates for different locations on Oahu including Kailua Beach, Ewa Beach and Sunset Beach, Oahu.

The consultant, with the assistance of staff discussed the Coastal Erosion Management Plan (COEMAP) recommendations to address the problem of beach loss in the State mentioning beach nourishment, coastal retreat, enforcement and other solutions to curb this dangerous trend. The implications of beach loss for the State's visitor economy, flood prevention and residents was also emphasized.

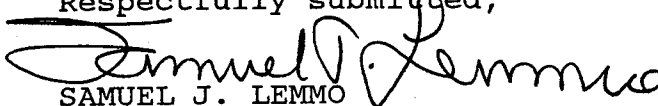
Staff emphasized the on-going public education and outreach component of the planning effort and explained that there had been consultation with many State, Federal and County agencies who generally agreed that there was a problem. Staff also explained that they had been to 12 Neighborhood Boards, many of which had adopted motions to support the DLNR's efforts.

The Chairperson asked several questions about implementation of COEMAP and funding. Staff responded by saying that funding would be a function of the Administration's request and the legislature and that money could be generated through a special fund for the environment.


The Chairperson then invited public testimony. No testimony was offered.

Staff ended by saying that Land Division would return to the Board to ask the Board to adopt COEMAP as a formal policy of the DLNR.

Respectfully submitted,


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Approved for Submittal:


MICHAEL D. WILSON, Chairperson
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