

**MINUTES FOR
THE MEETING OF THE
HAWAI'I CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION
AND ADAPTATION COMMISSION**

DATE: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2017
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: KALANIMOKU BUILDING
LAND BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM 132
1151 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813

MEMBERS

Suzanne Case
Leo Asuncion
Louis Salaveria
Rick Fried
Scott Enright
Jobie Masagatani
Jade Butay
Scott Glenn

Major General Arthur Logan
Joshua Stanbro
Jeffrey Dack
Michael Yee
Mike Dahilig
Senator Lorraine Inouye
Senator Karl Rhoads
Representative Chris Lee

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Case at 1:07 p.m.

No minutes to review.

1. Schedule the Meetings for the Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Commission for the 2018 Calendar Year.

Meetings for the Commission will be held quarterly with the first meeting of 2018 scheduled during the legislative break sometime at the end of February or early March of 2018.

2. Decision Making on the Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Vulnerability & Adaptation Report Dated December 2017

Mr. Sam Lemmo, Administrator of the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands (OCCL) gave an overview of the Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Vulnerability & Adaptation Report (Report) which can be found online at https://climateadaptation.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/SLR-Report_Dec2017.pdf.

Dr. Brad Romine of Hawai'i Sea Grant and the OCCL gave an overview of the Hawai'i Sea Level Rise Viewer that is meant to accompany the Report. The viewer can be found online at <http://hawaiisealevelriseviewer.org>.

Commission Discussion:

Commissioner Inouye asked for Discussion to be deferred until after public testimony.

Public Testimony:

Concerns were expressed regarding Recommended Action 4.3 which recommends amending the State Legacy Lands Act to set aside funding for priority coastal lands and enable the use of a variety of practices and tools. It was expressed that the setting aside of funding specifically for the buying of coastal lands from the Land Conservation fund may limit the amount of funding available to protect other lands. This Recommendation Action could also be considered to be more reactive rather than proactive and the Commission should focus on mitigation actions that can be done prior to a disaster.

Commission Discussion:

While all felt that the Report delivered the technical aspects of the Report well, some Commissioners expressed that the Recommendation section of the report should have used stronger language to emphasize a sense of urgency. Others felt that the writing style was able to deliver the message while still leaving room for flexibility. Some felt that Report itself will create a sense of urgency and should be used as a risk communication tool.

Motion

Accept the Report as submitted (Dahilig/Fried) unanimous.

3. Discussion and Possible Adoption of 2018 Priorities for Climate Change Initiatives

Possible topics for discussion included:


- The carbon budget for Hawai'i;
- Building upon the Report, looking at what is already being done, what are the major policy concerns, and determining State and County responsibilities;
- Taking action on the Report by implementing Recommendation Action 9.1 in which the Commission establishes working groups.

There being no further business, Co-Chair Case adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m. Recording(s) of the meeting are filed with the OCCL and available for review. Video recordings of the meeting can be found online at <http://climateadaptation.hawaii.gov/meetings/>.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved for Submittal:


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