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ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 2014 (Thursday) from 2-4 PM
State Office Tower, Suite 702
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Members Present: Mark Ambler (Chair), Scott Glenn (Vice-Chair), Charles Prentiss, Koalani Kaulukukui, John Richards, Joseph Shacat, Marjorie Ziegler, and Jessica Wooley.
Members Absent: Azita Quon, Mary Steiner, Glenn Teves.
Counsel Present: Edward Bohlen (Department of the Attorney General).
Special Guests: Gary Gill (HDOH)

1. Call to Order

Chair Ambler called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM with quorum of 8 members.

2. Introductions/Attendance

All present members and guests introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made for approval of the June 19, 2014 meeting minutes by Mr. Prentiss, seconded by Mr. Shacat, and the minutes were approved by 8 Environmental Council (EC) members present.

4. Chair's Report

Chair will focus on attendance with sheet that includes historical attendance. Ms. Ziegler request to update letterhead. Per Dir. Wooley, OEQC staff to update letterhead.

5. OEQC Director's Report

Dir. Wooley looking at how to support rules updates. Public viewer for OEQC data back to 2007 is accessible, but not yet publicized. Working on reviews and budget. Helping to coordinate strategic planning meeting.

6. Standing Committee Reports

a. Information & Outreach (I&O) Committee

- Study on stream sediment forwarded to HDOH HEER Fenix Grange
- Chair's opinion is that glyphosate levels from HEER results are not likely to be a high risk based on the study results. [study is attached to these minutes]
- Molokai Native Hawaiian Beginning Farmer Program forwarded by Glenn Teves. [newsletter attached to these minutes]

- Ms. Annabel Ipsen is doing research on farm worker exposure in Chile and the Chair met with her while she was in Hawaii to discuss her research and requested to stay informed of her results.

b. Exemption Committee

- Mr. Prentiss had a meeting with main item to update exemption lists. Dir. Wooley to draft the letter to send to agencies.
- Mr. Prentiss met with Sam Lemmo who will move forward with programmatic EIS for small beach erosion projects. EC needs to determine if they wish to be a consulted agency.
- Mr. Glenn would be conflicted out on any consulting on the small beach erosion issue.
- EC discussion ensued on role in this project. Topic to be further discussed at the strategic planning meeting.

c. Legislative Committee

- Ms. Steiner listed as chair. She is not present and Chair Ambler communicated that she may not be interested in chairing the sub-committee

d. Rules Committee

- Mr. Glenn mentioned intern secured by OEQC for the rules process. She will be available 2 days per week in the Fall semester.

e. Annual Report Committee

- Mr. Glenn mentioned they are looking for a report topic. HPU is still interested in supporting.
- The third version would be a more robust GPI analysis. There would be data refining. Discussion ensued and Mr. Glenn will be approaching HPU for GPI implementation.
- EC wants to do what it takes to submit the report on time. Chair asked Mr. Glenn to present timeline goals at strategic planning meeting.

f. Retreat Committee

- Discussion of members, but no meetings were conducted.

8. Retreat Discussion/Planning

- Mr. Segundo discussed the “Discussion of Rules” agenda item.
 - EC comments that there is not enough time at the Strategic Planning Meeting for this item, but it is an important item.
- Legislative Panel was discussed.
 - Thoughts were presented that it’s valuable, but might not be the highest priority for the planning meeting.
- Environmental Council Goals
 - Chairs to set quantifiable goals for the upcoming year
- The Island State Challenge
 - Climate Change
 - Invasive Species
 - Pesticides and GMO
 - Ocean or Near Shore Resources
 - IUCN was also discussed as an agenda item
- Public comment was solicited on the retreat planning
 - More detail on the agenda was suggested

- Tom Giabelluca was recommended as a speaker for climate change
- Recommendation to invite agency heads
- It was requested that OEQC update posts on the website

DECISION MAKING:

Shacat Motion to keep EC Goals including the budget on the planning session agenda (Richards second): 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Shacat Motion for the council to authorize Jessica and Marjorie to come up with, work on, and finalize an agenda for the planning session. (Richards second): motion withdrawn.

Glenn Motion to move the rules to a separate event [other than the planning session]. (Shacat second): 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Shacat Motion to include a legislative panel for 1 hour at the planning session and allow Wooley and the Chair to come up with the guest list. (Richards second): 6 yes (Ambler, Richards, Shacat, Prentiss, Wooley, Kaulukukui), 2 no (Glenn, Ziegler), 2 absent

Glenn Motion to invite Tom Giambelluca, Chipper Wichman, and a person with expertise in Invasive Species and other speakers as determined by the discretion of the Chair. (Shacat second): 8 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

9. Public Testimony

- Information presented about the DOH strategic plan, food testing equipment was purchased by DOH, and how DLNR is conducting aquifer protection research.
- Concerns were stated about Hawaii not managing coastline development in anticipation of sea level rise.
- Concerns were stated about getting more EC members and having outer island representation.
- Request to increase the detail of the agenda.
- Request to update the EC minutes online.
- USGBC representative requested awareness of the water reuse initiatives in process.

10. Correspondence Received

- HDOH letter stating that they are doubling the annual samples of produce for pesticides and cutting the sample time in half. They will include glyphosate when testing raw agricultural commodities, locally manufactured and sourced infant foods, and will support EC in requesting funding from legislature for expanded monitoring, sampling and education programs.
- Public comment stating that an EIS should be conducted for energy corridor route which is on federal land.

11. New Business

None

12. Adjournment

The Chair thanked everybody for attending and adjourned the meeting at 4:02 PM.