

September 18, 2020

To: Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)

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Subject: CZM Program Report to MACZAC

National Initiatives

National CZM Program Funding

For FY 2020 (July 2020 – December 2021), the CZM line item increased by \$1,500,000 nationally for a total of \$77,000,000. CSO and state and territorial programs are requesting an increase of funding to \$87,000,000 for FY 2021. The State will receive \$2,516,000 this upcoming fiscal year in 306/309 funds.

Hawaii CZM Program

- 9 of 11 (2 are 0.5 FTE) positions staffed (1/2-time Project Analyst)
 - CZM currently has two Project Analyst vacancies and will start recruiting.
- 1 intern position
 - The graduate intern position has been filled.
- CZM Website updated periodically (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/>). Working on improving communications for consistency and currency. Analyzing existing website to make it more efficient and streamlined.

Section 312 Evaluation

- No new activity
- CZM Staff contact is Debra Mendes

Section 309 Assessment and Strategy

- CZM submitted its final 5-year Section 309 Assessment and strategy (2021-2025) on May 8, 2020. Pending NOAA review and final approval
- Received approval from NOAA on June 30, 2020.
- CZM Staff contact is John Nakagawa

Routine Program Changes

- Staff is reviewing measures passed out of SLH 2020.
- Two measures affecting CZM directly are HB2486 HD2 SD2 and SB2060 SD2 HD2.
- CZM Staff contact is Shichao Li

Ocean Resources Management Plan

- Completed update. Hard copies printed and distributed to MACZAC.
- Staff capacity limited; working on distribution challenged by COVID-19.
- Dashboard – State contract was terminated with Socrata. Currently migrating to new platform OpenGov
- Current ORMP available online at (https://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/czm/ormp/ormp_update_reports/2020_ormp_final.pdf)
- CZM Staff contact is Justine Nihipali [temporary]

Coastal Non-Point Pollution Control Program (CNPCP)

- Five remaining Management Measures (MMs) and one Administrative Element (AE)¹ require approval by NOAA/EPA: (1) Roads/Bridges/Highways (3 MMs remaining); (2) On-Site Disposal Systems (OSDS) (1 MM remaining); and (3) BMP Monitoring (1 AE remaining)
- Working with DOT, DOH, counties (planning departments, public works departments) on completing the above Management Measures. Received draft products for Roads/Bridges/Highways MM with County of Hawaii DPW
- Information on the CNPCP can be found online at (<http://planning.hawaii.gov/czm/initiatives/coastal-nonpoint-pollution-control-program/>)
- CZM Staff contact is Debra Mendes

Climate Change Adaptation

- Office of Planning Director and CZM Program Manager serve as Commissioners on the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission
- The next meeting will be held October 28, 2020 via web conference.
- CZM Staff contact is Justine Nihipali

Coastal Hazards

- Section 309 Coastal Hazards Strategy for the *Probabilistic Tsunami Design Zone Mapping – Maui Island (Phase I)* contract was completed February 26, 2020. This is for the high-resolution mapping for the island of Maui - on track. Submitted proposal in response to the project of special merit funding cycle due January 15, 2020 for Maui (Phase II) and Kauai Island (\$250,000). We were successfully awarded the full amount and presently are drafting an RFP for the final phase of the project.
- *Updating the Hawaii Historical Shoreline Database*: Historical and future shoreline change rate GIS layers for Oahu are available online, and two web maps have been created for City and County of Honolulu planners. Consultant requested a no-cost extension to September 30, 2020 - on track. CZM Staff contact is Shichao Li

County CZM Projects

- Maui County was provided resources to update its Public Access database. Work has been completed and final editorial steps are expected prior to public launch - published. The viewer can be located at <https://mauishorelineaccess.net/101/Map-Viewer>.
- Kauai County was provided resources to update its Public Access database as well. To be completed June 30, 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions this project has been delayed. NOAA granted a 12-month extension for the award.
- DPP was provided resources to update its aerial seawall imagery database - completed.
- County of Hawaii project: *Phase I Analysis to Establish Research-Based Shoreline and Riparian Setbacks*
- County of Hawaii project: *Pilot Public Access Geodatabase Update*.

Other Initiatives

- Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force. Two projects have been completed and CZM staff continues to support one project to meet objectives of Act 15, SLH 2018. The most recent meeting was held November 14, 2019. CZM Staff contact is Justine Nihipali.
- South Shore Promenade – Proof of Concept Study. CZM received a preliminary report from the contractor in March 2019. A final report is expected in April 2020. The 3 catalytic sites are: (1) Ala Wai area, (2) Keehi Lagoon area, and (3) Richardson Field/Pearl Harbor Regional Park. CZM Staff contact is Josh Hekeka.

¹ The CZM Report to MACZAC dated 05/10/2019 erroneously reported three remaining Management Measures.

- Hawaii Congress of Planning Officials (HCPO). Office of Planning is hosting HCPO October 19-23, 2020 in partnership with the American Planning Association (APA), Hawaii Chapter. The program will consist of a virtual lunch series.
- CZM Program is involved with a number of external groups and activities:
 - Coral Reef Initiative Working Group (DLNR-DAR)
 - Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council
 - Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) and HISC Resource Committee
 - Coastal States Organization
- Continue to review environmental assessments/environmental impact statements to ensure CAM objectives, policies, and initiatives are considered