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To: Marine and Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (MACZAC)

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Subject: CZM Program Report to MACZAC

National Initiatives

National CZM Program Funding

The CZM Program is prepping its FY22-23 and FY23-24 coastal management grant application to NOAA which is due mid-February. NOAA has shared that we should be planning for flat funding at least for the first fiscal year.

Hawaii CZM Program

- 10 of 11 (2 are 0.5 FTE) positions staffed (1/2-time Project Analyst)
 - CZM Office Assistant (OA) position is now vacant.
- 1 intern position
 - The graduate intern position is in recruitment.
- 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.
- Created a CZM Video to broaden outreach to other audiences

Section 312 Evaluation

- No new activity
- CZM Staff contact is Debra Mendes

Section 309 Assessment and Strategy

- No new activity
- CZM Staff contact is Justine Nihipali

Program Changes

- The OPSD provided program change training to the Guam CZM Program on Feb 1, 2022.
- Program change tasks will be incorporated into the upcoming fiscal year tasks.
- CZM Staff contact is Shichao Li

Ocean Resources Management Plan

- In September 2021, CZM was awarded a NOAA Project of Special Merit FY21 to implement the Kokua Community-Based Monitoring Program. The program will increase DLNR-DAR's capacity to monitor culturally valuable nearshore marine resources which are not regularly monitored by the Division. The program is being executed in coordination with DLNR-DAR's 30x30 planning team and will run through March 2023. DLNR-DAR, in coordination with UH partners, is in the process of recruiting a coordinator via RCUH to carry out the project. The recruitment closed on February 10, 2022. Additionally, a StoryMap is being developed with project partners and will be available by the next meeting. CZM Staff contact is Keelan Barcina
- CZM submitted one proposal for the NOAA Project of Special Merit FY22 competition to advance Focus Area #1. The proposed project is to analyze the legal and policy impacts of managed retreat in Hawaii. Funding awards are announced in Fall 2022.

- Procurement for *Developing a Scoping Study for a Regional Shoreline Strategy Specific to the State of Hawai‘i* has been underway. The RFP was posted on November 12, 2021. CZM received six proposals and after evaluations, will award and execute contract in February 2022. The study’s aim is to develop a scoping study as an exploratory step towards a regional shoreline management strategy for the State of Hawai‘i. CZM Staff contact is Yusraa Tadj
- On behalf of CZM, UH Sea Grant (Melanie Lander), completed the “*Identifying Frameworks for Land-based Pollution Management in the Hawaiian Islands*” report. The report identifies successes and shortfalls of the multi-jurisdictional structure and provides recommendations for Focus Area 2 Action Team implementation actions.
- In accordance with Act 178, SLH 2021, CZM completed the first annual report outlining the findings of a sea level rise exposure assessment. The Annual Report can be found at: [Act 178: Relating to sea level rise adaptation \(hawaii.gov\)](#). An interactive StoryMap related to recent Act 178 activities can be found at: [Sea Level Rise Adaptation in Hawai‘i \(arcgis.com\)](#).
- CZM Staff contact is Sarah Chang

Coastal Non-Point Pollution Control Program (CNPCP)

- No new activity
- CZM Staff contact is Debra Mendes

Climate Change Adaptation

- OPSD Director and CZM Program Manager serve as Commissioners on the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission
- Meeting schedule: - April 6, 2022, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.
- CZM Staff contact is Justine Nihipali

Coastal Hazards

- Section 309 Coastal Hazards Strategy for the *Probabilistic Tsunami Design Zone Mapping – Maui Island (Phase II) and Kauai Island* contract executed January 20, 2021 is underway. The first technical meeting for this contract took place on October 29, 2021. The Contractor requested a contract extension, and pending NOAA approval, the new contract end date would be on September 30, 2023.

County CZM Projects

- The CZM Program was provided the opportunity to extend an award for an additional 12-months to address delays due to disruptions from COVID-19 and has engaged with counties to develop scopes of work to continue previously funded project initiatives that enhance their abilities to meet program objectives and policies.

Other Initiatives

- Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force. Three projects have been completed to meet objectives of Act 15, SLH 2018. The most recent meeting was held January 12, 2022, and the next meeting will be held on March 16, 2022. CZM Staff contact is Justine Nihipali.
- 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 CZM objectives, policies, and initiatives are considered.