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

DATE: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: KALANIMOKU BUILDING
LAND BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM 132
1151 PUNCHBOWL STREET
HONOLULU, HAWAI'I 96813

Leo Asuncion, Co-chair
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Rick Fried, HTA
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Senator Lorraine Inouye
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Carilyn Shon, HSEO/DBEDT
Josh Stanbro, CCCSR
April Surprenant, Hawaii County Planning Dept.

Co-chair Asuncion called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. Co-chair Asuncion explained the agenda, and asked attending members to introduce themselves. Attendees are listed above. The Commission approved the minutes of May 22nd meeting. Commissioner Justine Nihipali submitted the following amendments: In the section "Details of the Meeting," item 3 should read "Commissioners heard a series of presentation on the Carbon Farming Task Force (soon to become the Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force)...," etc., and that "Sandy Ma highlighted the Task Force's activities to date with a one-pager and highlighted..." etc.

Main outcomes: The meeting had three main outcomes:

1. **Finalization of a mission statement**, which now reads:

Hawaii's Climate Commission recognizes the urgency of climate threats and the need to act quickly. It promotes ambitious, climate-neutral, culturally responsive strategies for climate change adaptation and mitigation in a manner that is Clean, Equitable & Resilient;

2. For **mitigation actions** connected to ground transportation emissions reduction, the Commission heard the findings of the Permitted Interaction Group. Discussion revolved around the following issues:

1. Carbon pricing: Possible amendment of the existing barrel tax to reflect an economy-wide price on carbon, and determine the rate;
2. PSA Campaign: to develop a clear scope and budget that will enable behavior change to support clean transportation/climate change issues;
3. Parking cash out programs: Investigate parking policy options for Hawaii, and scope of a such a study;
4. Carshare/rideshare programs: provide details for further action;
5. EV infrastructure: should the state play a role in developing this infrastructure, and if so, the nature of that role; and
6. Closing loopholes in existing legislation: bring specific examples on which to take action.

The Commission hopes to take action on these issues at its next meeting on November 27th.

3. For **adaptation**, the Commission discussed and passed a strong statement to recommend implementation actions for issues arising from sea level rise. The recommended strategies or steps agreed upon by the Climate Commission include:

- Support legislation for disclosure for private property and public offerings located in areas with potential exposure to sea level rise.
- Request all new development, redevelopment and modifications be directed away from beach areas.
- Urge counties to incorporate the 3.2 ft. sea level rise exposure area (SLR-XA) into their general and development plans.
- Encourage agencies and non-governmental utility providers to identify and prioritize assets within the 3.2 ft SLR-XA or more as described in the State's Sea Level Rise report, identify adaptation measures, and to provide a status update on this activity annually to the Climate Commission.
- Support legislation that funds State programs to meet mitigation goals, and to bring resources to assist in planning and implementation for sea level rise and other climate related impacts.

Details of the meeting:

1. **Clarification of the mission statement.** Co-Chairs and the Commission Coordinator presented a draft mission statement to the Commission. Members had a brief discussion about the terms "Culturally relevant" and "carbon neutral" which were changed to "culturally-responsive" and "climate neutral." The amended mission statement was passed unanimously.

2. **To address mitigation strategies:** Commissioners heard the findings of the Permitted Interaction Group, which met twice in the time between Commission meetings. The members of this Permitted Interaction Group are:

County of Hawaii—Michael Yee
City and County of Honolulu—Josh
Stanbro
DBEDT—Luis Salaveria
DLNR—Suzanne Case

DOH/OEQC—Scott Glenn
DoT—Jade Butay
Senator Rhoads
Senator Inouye
Senator Gabbard

The Commission discussed items listed earlier in detail, from carbon pricing programs, to the state's role in EV infrastructure development. No decisions were taken at this meeting, as per the requirements for the Permitted Interaction Group and HRS Chapter 92, part 1 (Sunshine Law). Staff will develop each of these items further for Commissioners to deliberate and take action on at the next meeting.

3. **To address adaptation strategies:** Commission staff and an informal working group produced a set of possible recommendations for the Commission to consider on sea level rise issues. Commissioners deliberated on these recommendations, and drafted and voted on their own version of these (listed earlier). The vote passed with almost unanimous approval (Kaua'i county voted nay).


Commissioners were reminded of the next meeting on November 27th, 2018, and the day-long conference on climate change on January 14, 2019. There being no further business, Co-chairs adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,




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Approved for Submittal:



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