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

DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021
TIME: 1:00 PM
PLACE: VIDEO CONFERENCE
Public Viewing Link:
<https://youtu.be/YUZWTPij7ZU>

Attendees:

Suzanne Case, DLNR, Co-Chair	Zendo Kern, Hawai'i County Planning Dept.
Mary Alice Evans, OPSD, Co-Chair	Rep. Nicole Lowen
Jade Butay, DOT	Mike McCartney, DBEDT
Jeff Dack, Maui County Planning Dept.	Luke Meyers, HI-EMA
Sen. Mike Gabbard	Justine Nihipali, CZM, OPSD
Tyler Gomes, DHHL	Marianne Rossio, DOH
Ka'aina Hull, Kaua'i County Planning Dept.	Phyllis Shimabukuro-Geiser, DOA
Sylvia Hussey, OHA	Randall Tanaka, BOE
George Kam, HTA	Rep. David Tarnas
	Dean Uchida, City and County of Honolulu

Due to COVID-19 closures, the meeting was live cast on Zoom, and YouTube, with links posted on social media accounts of the commission for public viewing. All materials are posted on the Commission's website: <https://climate.hawaii.gov/hi-commission/>.

1. **Welcome.** The YouTube recording time started 02:30 minutes into the recording. Co-Chair Case began the meeting at approximately 1:03PM when quorum was reached.
2. **July 19, 2021 meeting minutes.** (action item). (7:03) Mary Alice Evans asked to correct the spelling of Justine Nihipali and Mary Alice Evans on Item 4.C and 4.D. Jade Butay (DOT) abstained from voting due to absence from last meeting. Meeting minutes were approved with correction.
3. **Raising Ambition: The Hawai'i delegation** at the Conference of the Parties (to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP26)). (non-action item). (8:23)

- a. (8:55) Co-Chair Case recognizes Hawai‘i Delegation that will be attending COP26 in-person, and acknowledges today’s guest, Governor David Ige, who will be leading the delegation:
 - i. Hawai‘i Executive Delegation includes Governor Ige, Co-Chair Suzanne Case, HSEO’s Chief Energy Officer Scott Glenn, and Climate Commission Coordinator Anukriti Hittle.
 - ii. A “Hawai‘i ‘Ohana” Delegation with official Blue Zone accreditation includes Rep. Nicole Lowen, Climate Ready Hawai‘i VISTA Diana Lopera, Maui Council Member Kelly King, Dr. Chip Fletcher, Colin Lee, Joe Udell, Justice Mike Wilson, Prof. Denise Antolini, Naima Te Maile, Prof. David Forman, among others.
 - iii. Other people from Hawai‘i who plan to attend include Henk Rogers, Marti Townsend, Ikaika Hussey, Jeff Mikulina, Joshua Cooper, Sen. Brian Schatz, Sen. Chris Lee
 - b. (11:23) Governor David Ige will be leading the Hawai‘i Delegation to represent Hawai‘i. He acknowledges the importance of the presence of island communities in the negotiations, that the time for action is now, and emphasizes the need to stay below 1.5C of warming. He emphasizes the importance of County and State action, and that the world can no longer wait for global action. The State of Hawai‘i is working with 24 other bipartisan governors as part of the US Climate Alliance to move the country forward in a more responsible way, through addressing policies of collective action. Hawai‘i is also part of the Under2 Coalition, comprising 260 local governments across the world committed to keeping global temperatures below 2C, with efforts to keep under 1.5C. Nature-based solutions must be prioritized and will help Hawai‘i go beyond zero emissions and sequester more carbon than we emit for a Climate Ready Hawai‘i. Hawai‘i will continue in leading the world with aloha and innovation at COP26.
 - c. (22:29) Governor Ige acknowledges and highlights the leadership of Hawai‘i youth leaders and their work at the IUCN World Conservation Congress, and recognizes the IUCN Hawai‘i Delegation for their efforts through an official Proclamation and announces November 1 as “Our Drowning Voices” Day.
 - d. (27:04) May Nachum (Co-Founder, Our Drowning Voices) accepts this recognition alongside KUA and Hawai‘i Conservation Alliance Foundation.
4. **HI Impact Actions.** (non-action item). (29:43) Co-Chair Case highlights the priority areas that will accelerate greenhouse gas emission reductions and drive the real, impactful implementation and results needed to make the US climate targets a reality. Read more about these HI Impact Actions that have been compiled and housed at the Climate Change Portal at <https://climate.hawaii.gov/hi-mitigation/goals-and-progress/>. (33:20)
 5. **Hawai‘i’s Climate Actions:** Informational updates. (non-action item). (41:32)
 - a. A framework for social and climate vulnerability (Commission project). University of Hawai‘i Institute for Sustainability and Resilience (42:12)
 - b. Using the sea level rise exposure area as a regulatory tool. Kaua‘i County Planning Department (54:52)
 - c. Putting regulatory measures to work: Shoreline rules and strategic retreat. Maui County

- Planning Department (1:02:22)
- d. Making building codes work for climate change. Hawai‘i County Planning Department (1:09:48)
- e. State fleet transition. Hawai‘i Department of Transportation (1:18:35)
- f. Climate adaptation plan implementation. Hawai‘i Department of Transportation (1:22:55)
- g. Powering Past Coal Task Force. Hawai‘i State Energy Office (1:25:17)
- h. The Trillion Trees Initiative. Department of Land and Natural Resources (1:31:12)
- i. Statewide sea level rise adaptation coordination of State facilities (per Act 178 SLH 2021)). Office of Planning & Sustainable Development (1:34:32)
- j. Hawai‘i 2050 Sustainability Plan publication (per HRS 226-65). Office of Planning & Sustainable Development (1:38:09)
- k. Restorative aquaculture and soil health. Department of Agriculture (1:45:37)
- l. Pre- and post- disasters: hazard mitigation recovery. HI-EMA (1:47:53)

Comments/Discussion:

- Commissioner Rep. Lowen shares her thanks with the Commission, particularly Director Jade Butay, Scott Glenn, and Justine Nihipali for their support in legislation. She commented on updated building codes and if there are assurances that can be passed on to renters/buyers, and not just money saved for developers and builders of homes. (1:50:39)
 - Commissioner Zendo Kern (Hawai‘i County Planning Dept.) assures Rep. Lowen that this is not the case, and the priority is on the families who want to own a home. Hawai‘i County Planning Dept. is still in the early stages of conversations on how to develop a framework that works for everyone and identify the metrics needed. (1:52:44)
 - Kathleen Rooney (Ulupono Initiative) commends all the great work done by the Commission. She asks if the work being done is enough and how do we know if all that is being done is sufficient in achieving our climate goals. For example, the transition to fleet electrification is important, but is not sufficient in what is trying to be achieved in this decade-long action plan. Rooney is worried about how this effort is being monitored at the Commission and community level, and asks where are the spaces to have these conversations. (1:54:26) *Note: Kathleen Rooney is not a member of the Commission.*
6. **Informational presentations on climate change and equity projects.** (non-action item). (1:57:01) The first AmeriCorps VISTA Climate Ready Hawai‘i cohort term is coming to an end this December. The second cohort will start their service immediately after, with a total of 10 VISTAs placed in seven offices and departments, including the neighbor counties of Hawai‘i, Kaua‘i, and Maui. This year’s six VISTAs have multiplied the Commission’s capacity to do climate ready work. View details at <https://climate.hawaii.gov/hi-vista/2021-climate-ready-corps/>.
- a. **Brittaney Key**, Climate Adaptation Research Analyst. Office of Planning and Sustainable Development (1:59:08)
 - b. **James McCallen**, Energy Affordability Specialist. Hawai‘i State Energy Office (2:03:48)
 - c. **Carolyn ‘Revere’ Wood**, Community Engagement and Communications Specialist. Hawai‘i State Energy Office (2:06:47)
 - d. **Parker Kushima**, Transportation Affordability Specialist. Hawai‘i State Energy Office (2:10:54)

- e. **Sabrina Park**, Transportation Equity Specialist. Hawai'i Department of Health (2:16:53)
- f. **Diana Lopera**, Climate Change Communications Specialist. Department of Land and Natural Resources (2:20:38)

Meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm (YouTube time stamp 2:33:49).

Respectfully submitted,

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