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HISC Meeting Minutes December 18, 2013 Hawaii State Capitol, Rm 312, 1:00 PM

Council members present: Co-Chair Russell Kokubun (HDOA), Scott Enright (incoming HDOA Chair & HISC Co-Chair), Gary Gill (DOH, Environmental Deputy), Randall Kennedy (DOFAW for William Aila, DLNR), David Rodriguez (DOT, Special Assistant), Dr. Kenneth Grace (UH-CTAHR, Interim Director of Research for Dr. Maria Gallo), Jesse Souki (DBEDT Office of Planning).

Participants present: Earl Campbell: FWS, for Loyal Meyerhoff, Rep. Cindy Evans, BI, Ford Fuchigami, DOT, Airports Deputy

1: Approval of Minutes of previous mtg: Gary Gill: Motion to adopt minutes as presented. Unanimously approved.

2: Staff Report (Josh Atwood)

- Attended Micronesian Regional Invasive Species Council meeting earlier this month in Saipan; including members/invasive species coordinators from Guam, Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands, Palau, Micronesia, Marshall Islands. Advisory council to Micronesian Chief Executives Summit on 12/4-6/13. Some resolutions pertinent to HISC. Full text available for reference. Requesting HI to join as non-voting member and requesting participation and cooperation with Micronesian Biosecurity Plan. Resolution 1901. Support for regional invasive species initiatives. Draft to review w/in next two months. HI a member of Pacific Invasives Learning Network, Pacific Invasives Partnership.
- Attended FWS' BTS Technical Working Group meeting to review program actions as well as review research in the field. Also to review draft strategic plan of BTS TWG. Need for HI-based agencies to meet to review any emergency response plans relating to any snake incursion. Rapid Response Team (USGS) getting new coordinator, formerly James Stanford.

Earl Campbell: No comments. Thanks for summary.

Russell Kokubun: Thanks to Domingo Cravalho for his past efforts to involve DOA in BTS training, etc.

3: Introduction to Mamalu Poepoe:

An interagency monitoring plan for pests at airports. (Emily Montgomery, HISC Planner, and Ford Fuchigami, DOT Airports Deputy)

Emily Montgomery: follow-up from last meeting re monitoring mosquitos at airports. Thanks to Gary Gill, DOH and Ford Fuchigami, DOT for leadership. Mamalu Poepoe = Sphere of Protection. Thanks to all for participation and involvement. 4 team meetings

since last meeting. Draft Plan fundamental outcomes: Focus on scope, target species, roles of agencies, ISCs involvement, increased interagency cooperation, clear detection & communication protocols, increased capacity, increased knowledge of situation and how to respond. Longer term: robust response and plans, increased resources...increased protection to protect islands.

- Target Species: mosquitos, ants, CRB, Africanized honey bees
- Comprehensive ant survey needed.
- Consistent/Regular monitoring at 6 airports.
- ICS Planning for responses. Mosquitos priority #1
- Monitoring in place: UH study ideas...Economic analysis needed.

Next Steps: (Ford Fuchigami, DOT Deputy Airports)

- \$300k/year for the next 5 years. MOU with HISC. FAA ok as long as invoices for work done available. Needs HISC support for pilot program for airports moving forward to budget meetings at DOT and Leg.
- Ken Grace: CTAHR economists doing economic impact.
- Russell Kokubun: Thanks to Ford for stepping up to take on initiative. Can be important model for others.
- Gary Gill: Historical note from meeting on Maui, 2 years ago, that original idea came up and thanks to DOT for providing funding.
- Ford Fuchigami: been thinking about it since that meeting and with help from FAA it will be money well spent.
- Russell Kokubun: Good to have another neighbor island meeting to see local issues.
- Josh Atwood: Thanks to DOT for their initiative.

4: Strategic Planning Process update (Emily Montgomery)

- Kicking off 1st workshop on Jan. 9 & 10, 2014
- CGAPS also beginning Strategic Planning process at same time.
- 1st Day: State of the State
- 2nd Day: HISC
- Josh Atwood: Thanks to Emily for her work on SPP and Airports Monitoring.

5: 2014 Legislative Session Items, etc.

- Gary Gill, DOH: Vector Control; asking for 4 additional positions in addition to 4 received last year.
- Randy Kennedy, DLNR: asking for \$1m general funds for HISC in addition to \$.75m from last year.
- Jesse Souki, DBEDT: Office of Planning asking for 2 planners.
- Russell Kokubun, DOA: nothing to add for invasive species issues at this time.

6: Process for HISC to submit testimony at legislature:

- Either HISC co-chair can approve HISC staff to draft testimony or submit testimony at legislature after/when approved by either co-chair.
- Notify HISC members of testimony asap in order to participate at legislature.

7: HISC Funding Initiatives:

- Nature of HISC funding...question from Sen. J. Kalani English re dedicated funding for ISCs, etc.
- Josh met with AGs office to determine legal opinion for providing funding for agencies/organizations outside of HISC. Needs to be competitive grant process if not a HISC member department. Will continue to work with HISC ISC partners to maintain capacity via a fair funding process. DLNR provided discretionary special funds (NARF) in addition to \$750k in general funds from legislature for total of \$2.55m budget for FY14. Legislature prefers general funds ask vs special funds. \$5m ask for FY15 based on maintaining current capacity for IS community statewide, FY14 ask, estimated County funds, etc. Budget & Finance cut down to \$1m for Administration budget package.
- Same process as before for HISC funding distribution.
- Jesse Souki: make sure you know the answer you want before you ask for legal opinion from Ags office.
- Cindy Young, Deputy AG: to her knowledge; ISCs are not part of HISC.
- Teya Penniman, MISC: All ISCs are UH/RCUH/PCSU projects.
- Russell Kokubun, DOA: Look into procurement issue between HISC and UH/ISCs...
- Jesse Souki, DBEDT: Question re maximizing matching federal dollars?
- Earl Campbell, USFWS: Federal cuts.
- Josh Atwood, HISC/DOFAW: Working closely with ISCs to maximize funding.
- Russell Kokubun, DOA: requesting motion to support Mamalu Poepoe:
 - Motion by Gary Gill?
 - 2nd by Randy Kennedy
 - All in Favor: AYE, none opposed.

8: How HISC funds contribute to funding partners overall budgets (ie. ISCs, DAR)

Teya Penniman, MISC:

- Maui County-wide program
- FY05 & FY06 Funding not entirely accurate
 - High Variability by County, State & Federal, and other
 - Maui County funding higher, but probably unique
 - Annual budget variability from 30-40% for MISC
 - Annual State funding variability as much as 50% year-to-year

Jono Blodgett, DAR:

- State-wide program
- Historically funded up to \$400k/yr by HISC
- AIS on Japan tsunami debris
- Alien algae in Kane`ohe Bay – sea-urchin hatchery, super-sucker
 - Gary Gill, DOH: dino-flagellate blooms a concern for oyster industry, etc.
- 6 positions funded on O`ahu
- Neighbor-island positions unfunded
 - Russell Kokubun, DOA: are there concerns about alien algae on neighbor islands?
- FY14 funding for 6 positions approved by Legislature
- Prevention: Ballast Water Hull-Fouling Coordinator
 - Rules/Regulations in place
- Earl Campbell, FWS: fresh-water stream resources being neglected also.

9: Report-A-Pest online reporting system (HBIN/PCSU/UH)

- Josh Atwood, HISC/DOFAW: requesting HISC consideration to explore utilizing tool as part of HISC Support
 - Online, distributed, rapid-assessment tool, but not being used by any state departments as yet
 - Has potential to be used by DOA and DLNR
 - Based on Maui, but can be easily scaled state-wide online
- Kenneth Grace, UH/CTAHR: looks like it's been used for a while, could use more info of usage data state-wide
- Jesse Souki, DBEDT/OSP: looks like a potentially useful tool ala the C&CH's pot-hole app
- Earl Campbell, FWS: useful/really effective tool for IDs, etc
- Emily Montgomery, HISC: very useful in FL
- Randy Kennedy, DLNR/DOFAW: make it as useful as possible for multiple agencies
- Russell Kokubun indicated support.

LFA Presentation by Teya Penniman (MISC)

- LFA Video (3' trailer) for 30' documentary by Masako Cordray
- \$170m economic impact on the Big Island since 1999
- Who are key stakeholders?
- Data-gaps are huge
- Looking for support from Legislature for large study
- Submittal proposal to HTA for partial funding

11: Next Meeting Date/Topics

- Other Items:
 - Legislative Session Briefing
 - Jan 8, 10a-12p, Sen. Gabbard
 - Policy
 - Border Inspection & Protection
 - Early Detection & Rapid Response
 - Control of Established Pests
 - Biocontrol
 - Report-A-Pest
 - Lei of Protection idea by Gary Gill, DOH
 - Mamalu Poepoe, DOT Airports
 - DOT's SNIP Plan
 - Hawai'i Invasive Species Awareness Week
 - Annual HISC Awards
 - Governor's Proclamation
 - Awareness Activities
- Public Comments:
 - Christy Martin, CGAPS
 - DOT SNIP presentation
 - Teya Penniman, MISC
 - Mahalo nui to Russell Kokubun for his leadership at DOA & HISC
 - Josh Atwood, HISC/DLNR

- Russell Kokubun initiatives at HISC:
 - On council since June 2011
 - 1st neighbor island meeting (Maui)
 - HISC providing testimony at Legislature
 - Hawai'i Invasive Species Awareness Week
 - Resolutions related to Federal IS issues
 - Meetings w/US congressional delegation
- Jesse Souki, DBEDT/OSP
 - National Estuarine Research Reserve
 - He'eia Stream
 - Jan 9, Public Meeting, 5:30p, King Intermediate School
- Russell Kokubun, DOA
 - Happy Holidays! We are adjourned.