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Hawaii Invasive Species Council - Resources Working Group

Sixth Meeting
Friday, January 11, 2008
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Hawaii Department of Agriculture
Plant Quarantine Conference Room
1849 Auiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order at 1:30 p.m. by Elizabeth Corbin for Maurice Kaya, acting Resources Working Group (RWG) chair on behalf of Theodore E. Liu, DBEDT Director.
- II. Attendance: Priscilla Billig (HISC); Chris Buddenhagen (DLNR/DOFAW); Kim Burnett (Public guest); Elizabeth Corbin (DBEDT/STB); Susan Gray-Ellis (DBEDT/STB); Jerry Haruno (DOH); Christy Martin (CGAPS); Carol Okada (HDOA); John Strom (Ent. HNL); Mindy Wilkinson (DLNR/DOFAW).
- III. The minutes of the February 3, 2006 meeting were approved.
- IV. Buddenhagen gave overview of HISC Strategic Plan.
- V. Corbin went over goals of the Resources Working Group (RWG) related to HISC Strategic Plan.
- VI. Wilkinson gave update on what's been going on with HISC issues.
 - a. Noxious weed list HDOA has taken on
 - b. 2007-2008 budget released, ½ went to Coqui frog
- VII. Okada spoke on Biosecurity. 56 new State positions created, first round of positions filled. But need new funding for design and construction for joint inspection facilities not in budget. Need cargo destruction capacity at airports, except Kahului. 2000 Free trade agreement prohibits states from inspecting foreign cargo. 2003, Homeland Security ceased all notification to states. USDA/Homeland Security only looks at Ag pest. A joint facility would help.
- VIII. Martin talked about CGAPS needs assessment. Okada added that the Farm Bureau is working with CGAPS on the weed risk assessment. Two people have been hired to screen species with checklist.
- IX. Wilkinson commented that the RWG is not tied to any one group. Agencies can incorporate HISC programs into their agency budget, thus freeing up HISC money. HISC funding good until 2011. Corbin asked if there had been a study done for the spending? Corbin recommended that a needs assessment be done to factor in new things and downturns in HISC funding. Martin suggested that the needs assessment must include research and laws/regulations.

- X. Strom asked if the facilities are part of the discussion with the Harbors retrofitting? Okada stated that they are actively engaged in talks with HDOT Harbors projects.
- XI. Wilkinson suggested that the RWG play a role in reviewing the budget from each of the working groups. The chairs would get together just before presentation to the HISC Council.
- XII. Okada discussed Superferry issues.
- XIII. Public Guest: Kim Burnett attended meeting, gave brief introduction and greetings.
- XIV. Announcement: Next CGAPS Meeting, 1/17/08, Federal Bldg. Cafeteria 5th floor 9:00 12:00
- XV. Meeting Adjourned at 3:25 pm.