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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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May 31, 2016 | 1:00 p.m

Plant Quarantine Branch Conference Rm, Hawaii Dept of Agriculture
1849 Auiki St, Honolulu, HI, 96819

AGENDA

1. Call to order - 1:05pm.
2. Introductions Co-Chair Scott Enright/HDOA, Co-Chair Suzanne Case/DLNR, Dr. Ken Grace/UH, Leo Asuncion/DBEDT, David Rodriguez/HDOT, Representative Richard Onishi
3. Approval of minutes from December 4, 2015 meeting - motion to approve Ken Grace, 2nd: Co-Chair Case, **approved**.
4. Review of invasive species legislative outcomes in 2016 - Josh Atwood reviewed invasive species bills that passed or died. See presentation on HISC website for details. **No questions from Council**.
5. Summary of support staff projects for Fiscal Year 2017
 - a. Online pest reporting system update - John-Carl Watson provided a quick overview of the status of the system. The input form is being recoded in 2016 and staff are developing a training module and pilot program. Anticipated completion by end of 2016.
 - b. Submittal: Approving the integration of online pest reporting as a function of the HISC support program - Josh Atwood: motion to approve: Leo Asuncion, 2nd: David Rodriguez , **approved**.
 - c. Update on Māmalu Poepoe interagency airports monitoring program - Randy Bartlett. Currently hiring coordinator, MOA and funding for project are in place. Anticipate implementation in second half of 2016.

Questions:

David Rodriguez - How is the messaging for invasive species at airports going to be done in regards to “over signage” and the impact on visitors?

Josh Atwood - Regarding signage for mosquito-borne illnesses, DOH is developnig a consolidated message that will be professionally produced.

- d. Invasive species and biosecurity events as part of the IUCN 2016 World Conservation Congress - Josh Atwood reviewed HISC staff’s involvement in developing a “Biosecurity Journey” congress track and supporting the

development of relevant forum events and announcements. **No questions from Council.**

6. Updates to HISC grant proposal and evaluation processes - Josh Atwood reviewed proposed changes to the evaluation process, namely utilizing the HISC Working Groups to identify near-term priorities for Fiscal Year 2017, utilizing an on-line application system, and using Working Group chairs and additional agency representatives as the Evaluation Committee. **No questions from Council.**
7. Update on interagency Hawaii Biosecurity Plan development - Shahin Ansari/HT Harvey & Associates: Overview/updates on how the process of drafting the biosecurity plan is going. Currently in the process of incorporating comments received. **Discussion:**
 - a. Rep. Richard Onishi, is it possible to get a list of people attending the workshops?
 - b. Shahin: yes we can get you this list.
 - c. Co-Chair Enright: How were the invitee lists developed?
 - d. Shahin: invitee lists were developed with input from HDOA and other agencies.
 - e. Suzanne Case: Quite an impressive timeline for completion by WCC and an important goal to meet.
 - f. Josh Atwood: Another important part of this plan is the timing of the plan release in time for the various departments to incorporate items in the plan into their FY17-18 biennium budget requests in September - if possible.
 - g. Rep. Richard Onishi: in the plan itself, what is the actual plan going to entail? Will it be general or comprehensive?
 - h. Shahin: The plan will have defined goals, objectives, and implementation tasks. what individual agencies will need to do. It will also include much needed policy changes. It is a high-level gap analysis and recommendation document, not a detailed implementation plan for individual agency programs.
8. Next meeting date and topics - TBD, Potentially in early August
 - a. Topics: revisit invasive species listing options, and create the initial list of HISC actionable species for eradication and control.
 - b. Josh Atwood: If the Council has specific requests, topics, or initiatives for grant proposals, please let us know.
9. Public Comments -
 - a. **Rachel Neville/OISC:** Provided quick update: Miconia - 20 year seed bank estimated. Coqui frogs - 8 found in Waimanalo. LFA - working with HDOA and HECO arborist to treat last infestation in Waimanalo in a gunpowder tree. CRB - Assisting HDOA by checking traps every other week along the windward side of Oahu. No detections so far. Naio thrips - no observations. Outreach - Ho`oike Curriculum on After School Alliance website for after-school activities. Rapid Ohia Death - no signs so far on Oahu.
 - b. **Christy Martin/CGAPS** - Hope to put forward a motion at IUCN World Conservation Congress to create an international framework for

biofouling. Spoke about the value of public/private stakeholder engagement at biosecurity planning workshops.

10. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn: Co-Chair Case 2nd: David Rodriguez
Meeting adjourned at 2:02pm.

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