

Hawaii Energy Forum Meeting

Minutes

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January 17, 2003

Attendance

Forum members:

Steve Alber, Bruce Anderson, Albert Chee, John Crouch, Steve Golden, Ruby Hargrave, Maurice Kaya, Hideto Kono, Brenner Munger, Gayle Ohashi, Rick Reed, Glenn Sato, Scott Seu, David Waller, Fred Weyand, Mike Yamane, Michael Hamnett, Sharon Miyashiro, Sam Pintz, Rick Rocheleau, Regina Gregory, Christy Alarcon, Irene Takata, Robbie Alm, Faye Hirono, Catherine Awakuni

Guests:

Jeff Brown, Fereidun Fesharaki, Shasha Fesharaki, Gayle Sueda, Robert Smith, Jerry Sumida, Heidi Sumida, Cully Judd

I. Announcements

A moment of silence in remembrance of Forum member Yukio Naito who passed away recently.

II. Final Report and presentation on Hydrocarbons Study

The FACTS, Inc. team presented the final report on the Hawai'i Hydrocarbons Outlook. The full report was distributed to Forum members and will be placed on our website (<http://hawaiienergypolicy.hawaii.edu>). Hawai'i's petroleum supplies were discussed, as well as the possible substitutes of coal and natural gas. As there is currently great interest, the focus was on liquefied natural gas (LNG).

III. Discussion

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Discussion focused on how this relates to our preferred energy “Vision” of environmentally friendly, renewable, safe, reliable, affordable, efficient, and decentralized energy for Hawai‘i.

Status of Studies

We will have a preliminary report on our second study (Environmental Requirements on Energy Producers) on March 12. A request for proposals for the third study (Regulation, Taxation and Incentives) was advertised. We received one response and it is currently being evaluated.

Revised terms of reference for the renewables and efficiency studies were distributed. We are still seeking funding for these studies. (New TORs will be posted on our website.)

IV. Forum Membership

There was no objection to the following suggestions:

- A. Invite the Governor to send a representative of her administration
 - B. Invite Steve Holmes from the City & County of Honolulu
 - C. Invite the Energy Coordinators from Maui (Kal Kobayashi) and the Big Island (Ray Carr)
 - D. Invite Sen. Kalani English (chair of the energy committee) to replace Sen. Matsunaga
 - E. Invite representative from Tesoro to replace Andrew Nomura
- Members were invited to submit other suggestions to Michael Hamnett or Sharon Miyashiro.

Other Business:

We will begin to discuss the format for our Energy Summit (tentatively scheduled for August 2003) at the next meeting.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Pacific Club.