

Hawaii Energy Forum Meeting

November 19, 2004 Meeting

DBEDT/Energy Div Conference Room

Summary Notes

In Attendance:

Rick Reed, Maurice Kaya, Steve Holmes, Mitch Ewan, Eileen Yoshinaka, John Tantlinger (DBEDT), Steve Golden, Warren Bollmeier, Robbie Alm, John Harrison, Mike Hamnett, and Sharon Miyashiro.

LNG Final Report & Hydrocarbon Future Update:

Dr. Jeff Brown, FACTS, Inc. presented a powerpoint presentation "Oil Briefing" which provided update on oil prices and report on liquefied natural gas (LNG) options for the state. Discussion followed but no follow-up at this time. Mahalo to Jeff who will be leaving at the end of the year to work for IEA in France.

Update of Forum Activities:

1. DBEDT Funding – Funding received from DBEDT to continue the work of the Forum, including funding for implementing Cultural Issues Working Group pilot project and for public education and outreach to be provided by HIPA.
2. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant –Submitted Environmental Education grant proposal on energy conservation/efficiency in collaboration with Hawai'i Theater for Youth and the Bishop Museum. If funded the project will begin July 2005. We are also seeking additional funds to accompany the in-classroom drama education which will enable a playwright and dramaturg to direct and produce a play on energy conservation that will be taken statewide with an audience of 20,000+. Forum members were asked to assist in this project; if interested, call Sharon at 956-7070.
3. Action Plan for 2005 – The Action Plan framework based on the Forum's Strategic Report was discussed. It was decided to develop an action plan for

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the coming year (CY2005-06) focusing on near-term priorities not being currently addressed by other agencies. Forum members were asked to assist in assessing the following areas to determine action priorities for the coming year:

- Regulatory Reform. PUC has begun work which addresses these recommendations. Its Act 95 Conference and intended followup workshops appear to address the recommendations so no need for Forum action at this time.
- Energy Efficiency. Kyle Datta and Jeff Mikulina should be asked to assess this area and provide recommendations as to whether (and if so what) Forum action is needed in the coming year. EPA grant proposal is a result of recommendation to address energy efficiency public awareness/education.
- Cultural Values & Social Justice. DBEDT funding for Cultural Issues Working Group pilot project is a start in addressing recommendations in this area.
- Diversifying Energy Supply. Warren Bollmeier will assess these recommendations and identify short-term priorities/activities for the Forum.
- Siting and Location. PUC has DG docket which may address this medium-term priority.
- Other medium & long term priorities. These will be assessed at a later date. Focus is on short-term priorities for the coming year unless members have concerns.

Members were asked to review the action plan (emailed previously) and submit any input to Sharon before the year-end. We should finalize the 2005-06 Plan by the end of December 2004.

1. Forum Membership – The current Forum membership list was distributed. It was decided to consolidate the members and project team/consultants to

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constitute the current Forum membership. Before adding new members, it was also decided that current members should be contacted to determine whether they wish to continue their membership, including commitment to attend and actively participate in and support Forum activities. Sharon will send email and/or call each member. Once vacancies are identified, new members will be approached to join the Forum.

2. Joint House-Senate Informational Briefing – We are planning for an informational briefing before the beginning of the legislative session on January 19, 2005. Members interested were asked to attend a planning session in early December. (NOTE: Date for both the briefing (week of January 10) and planning session (Dec 3 or 7) are not confirmed as the two legislators are out of town).

Next Meeting:

No meeting is planned until after the legislative briefing (January 2005).