

Hawaii Energy Forum Meeting

January 20, 2005 Meeting

Hawaii State Capitol Room 224

Final Summary Notes

In Attendance:

Steve Alber, Robbie Alm, Warren Bollmeier, Albert Chee, John Cole, Kyle Datta, Sen Kalani English, Mitch Ewan, Carl Freedman, Steve Golden, Mike Hamnett, Steve Holmes, William Kaneko, Maurice Kaya, Kal Kobayashi, Sharon Miyashiro, Rep Hermina Morita, Brenner Munger, Gayle Ohashi, Rick Reed, Glenn Sato, Susan Shintani, Joan White, Eileen Yoshinaka. Guests: Natalie Mims and Susan Asam(RMI), Riley Saito (PowerLight), Joe McCawley (KIUC), Mark Want and Gary Greenly(DBEDT), Mohala Aiu and David Wakukara (Rep Evans Office), Melissa Pavlicek (WSPA), Elizabeth Haws (Governor's Office), Sarah Blane (BIA-Hawaii), Jennifer Chow (Sen English's Office), Scott Morishige (Rep Morita's Office).

Introductions:

New members to the Forum welcomed: Joan White, Executive Director of Honolulu Community Action Program (replacing Ruby Hargrave who retired); and Susan Shintani, Tesoro Hawaii Corporation (replacing Paul Cannizo).

Forum Membership:

Three nominations were discussed and approved for membership in the Forum:

- Melissa Pavlicek, representing Western States Petroleum Assn
- Riley Saito, representing PowerLight Corp. (replacing John Crouch)
- Shad Kane, representing Ahahui Sivila Hawaii o Kapolei (Kapolei Hawaiian Civic Club)

Leaving us is Dr. Lynnette Cruz, Ahupua'a Action Alliance.

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Other nominations were suggested. These and others can be submitted to Sharon Miyashiro. Nominators should provide background and contributions that nominee would make to the Forum. These are to be circulated prior to the meeting.

Update of Forum Activities:

A. Action Plan for 2005 – Mitch Ewan presented the summary framework based on the strategic framework document. Members were asked to review the plan to identify areas and priorities for Forum work in the coming year(s). Note: It was previously decided to develop an action plan for the coming year (CY2005-06) focusing on near-term priorities not being addressed by other agencies and which could build upon and move forward the work already accomplished by the Forum. A draft was sent to members in November, and some responses were received. A summary of the revised plan was distributed.

Next steps:

The revised “expanded” action plan is available that includes actions that were thought required to accomplish the various objectives/ recommendations. Members requested that the “expanded” version be emailed to them. Members were cautioned not to be overwhelmed by the detail included in the expanded version; and if they had specific comments about an action, these should be emailed to Mitch for inclusion in the action plan (email address:). Members are asked to review and identify those actions that the Forum should take on and those which individual members and/or their organizations can take responsibility/champion in fleshing out further & to begin implementation as well as a timeline for those actions to be undertaken by the Forum. The next meeting will focus on agreeing upon the actions to be undertaken by the Forum, including timelines and assignments of responsibility. It will be a half-day session in March (sometime around crossover).

B. Joint House-Senate Informational Briefing – The informational briefing is a result of the work of the Forum, with thanks to members who helped in planning and who

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are presenting at the briefing. Thanks also to members Sen Kalani English and Rep Hermina Morita for their leadership in convening the joint session scheduled on January 20 at 1pm following the Forum meeting. A proposal has been submitted to fund the continued efforts of the Forum in moving forward the recommendations from the studies and Summit.

C. Public Awareness/Education – Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs (HIPA) assisted the Forum in publicizing the legislative informational briefing and will be working on a communication plan for the Forum. An environmental education grant relating to energy conservation, in partnership with the Bishop Museum and the Hawaii Theater for Youth, has also been submitted to the US EPA.

Forum process for vetting proposals:

It was suggested that the process for vetting proposals might be as follows:

- 1) Any proposal submitted to Forum for support/endorsement shall be emailed to all Forum members for review and comment.
- 2) The Forum will take the proposal forward if there is consensus among the members.
- 3) If not, rather than merely opposing the proposal, we will develop white papers that will present the issue, the proposed option(s) on which there is agreement as well alternative /competing opinions. The papers will present a balanced view of pros and cons so that it will assist policymakers and the community in understanding the issues and options and in decision making.

More can be discussed at the next meeting. Members can send their ideas on the vetting procedure to Sharon for presentation/ discussion/adoption at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

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The next meeting will be held on March 7 or 9 (recess at legislative crossover). The following are suggested agenda items:

- New members (background should have been sent to members prior to the meeting)
- Legislative update from Sen English and Rep Morita
- Adoption of vetting procedure for Forum proposals/actions
- Refine and finalize Forum action plan for CY2005-06