

Cultural Working Group Minutes

Cultural Working Group

Tuesday, July 16, 2003

Second Meeting of HSIA / Hawaiian Services Institutions & Agencies. Working Group of Hawaii Energy Policy Project - Cultural Issues Working Group 7/16/03; Richard, Regina, Steve, John, Lynette, Cindy

1. Minutes from first mtg. reviewed
2. 1997 Policy Study reviewed
3. Timeline? Conference in December?
4. Identify mission & message; create statement of purpose regarding this process. Then we can take our message out and begin to get input from community.
5. Do you support alternative energy? Join in the process.
6. How best to address sustainability through stewardship and environmental management; as was happening in pre-contact Hawaii?
7. Framework - 3 Piko:
 1. Piko Po'o = Cultural values learned from ancestors: sustainability, konohiki/stewardship, malama, kuleana, pono, land management, ahupuaa system
 2. Piko Opu = Lessons currently learning; today's generation; transition.
 3. Piko Ma`i = Future generations need to thrive as well.
 - world is becoming an island society; Hawaii is microcosim of what is happening globally.
 - conservation needs to be part of everything we do.
 - Ho`okupu = framework being developed; shared in spirit of aloha which is Ho`olauna-sharing.
 - Identify "native hawaiian scientists and engineers-Kupuna" who are in the utilities industry.

Hawaii Energy Policy Forum

- Proposal to HECO: funding to go out to gather input from Native Hawaiian areas.

Goal:

Educate & Empower Native Hawaiians to become involved in the decision-making process of policies regarding alternative energy issues.

Objectives:

1. Gather input from Hawaiian communities.
2. Develop educational/informational materials on alternative energy.
3. Educate/inform general public regarding cultural framework around which any alternative energy policy is formulated.
4. Report recommendations to Hawai'i Energy Policy Forum.
5. Survey developed for input.
6. Science/Research/Development/Technologies

Objectives:

- Use HSIA organizations to gather input from Hawaiian communities.
- Bishop Museum can host a series of Public Understanding of Research Seminars.

Call To Action:

1. Support gathering of input from broader Hawaiian community; include diversity of opinions.
2. Use of HSIA Network
3. Bring in Research & Development Expertise e.g. Sandia & Lawrence Livermore.

Next Mtg. at Bishop Museum:

Hawaii Energy Policy Forum

- Week of Aug. 4th - Tuesday, Aug. 5th at 2:45pm - see show, meeting after from 3:30 - 5:00pm.
- Ideas of how to begin gathering input and implement framework: based on resources of agencies.