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Subject:	ACTION REQUIRED: Aloha Workgroup--DOH/EPA May meeting followup
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We wanted to reconnect with the Aloha Workgroup after the May DOH-EPA meetings with a brief summary of some of the lessons learned, meeting highlights, action items and necessary follow-up.

Overall Impression of Meetings

In general, the abbreviated format and lack of DOH staff/first-line managers participation in the discussion resulted in the meetings not being very effective.

- Deferring to DOH to set the overall meeting goals, agendas and preparation materials was ineffective, partly due to communication issues
- Some individual program sessions (PRC, fiscal management) were successful, but absence of program staff and/or no participation by Gary Gill proved less effective
- Cross-program issues and coordination were missed
- Current plans are for EPA to visit Hawaii DOH the week of December 3, 2012

Preliminary List of Action Items

(Programs, please review and edit as necessary; the document with each of these action items is on the G drive--G:/MISC/Aloha Workgroup/May 2012 Negs/Action Items)

1) Lahaina
   - DOH and EPA to review and comment on draft preliminary tracer study (June 30?)
   - Status and/or data for refined chlorine monitoring, pharmaceutical sampling (USGS), and source tracking (timeframe?)
   - 401 WQ certification—When will DOH respond to March 2012 letter from Maui County re: draft AMAP (May meeting notes indicate DOH reply in 2-4 weeks?) EPA to compile comments re: Maui County AMAP timeframe, potentially duplicative efforts, needs for others (timeframe?)
   - Tracer study talking points to be revised and released to those requesting (end of June?)
   - *Inside EPA* article re: EPA R1/Buzzards Bay issue concerning septic tanks and NPDES permits sent to Alec and Stuart

2) LCC/OSDS
   - Potential follow-up session to discuss DOH potential rule changes and approaches to requiring inspections--include EPA (WTR-9, WTR-3), DOH Polluted Runoff Control, Safe Drinking Water Branch and Wastewater Branch after UH risk-based study is completed

3) Drinking Water SRF 15% Set-Aside
- Workplan which details the expenditure of post-2009 funds (~$3M) and includes the environmental results, etc associated with each project
- Outline of strategy to ensure remaining funds are encumbered to projects/contracts

4) NPDES/WQ Standards
- Finalize workplan by May 23
- EPA will share permit template
- EPA will move on contract support for 5 permits
- EPA-DOH will have discussion re: minor permits
- EPA will research TIE/TRE training options for dischargers
- DOH will follow-up with EPA about other pressures/expectations on permitting staff

5) CWA Enforcement
- Foster coordination of enforcement activities with Water Division as enforcement staff transition to the new division

6) Grants Fiscal Mgmt and Oversight
- CWB/SDWB/ERO agreed to initiate meetings with ASO to discuss unintended consequences of fiscal management issues and id corrective measures

7) Polluted Runoff Control
- Capture conversation and agreements on specific actions in the strategy to improve the PRC Program. Share with PRC Program staff and include agreed upon tasks and grant conditions in upcoming grant agreement.

<u>Other Follow-ups</u>

1) West Maui/Lahaina EPA coordination meeting to discuss status of water program activities (tracer study, water quality monitoring, watershed planning/implementation, 401 water quality certification activities, EPA co-lead of Coral Reef Task Force West Maui priority watershed, etc) *(Tentative Date: week of July 17th)*

2) Hanalei watershed EPA coordination meeting to discuss status of current efforts (watershed plan, monitoring, LCC compliance/enforcement) and next steps *(Tentative Date: mid/late July)*

3) Preparation for RA comprehensive briefing about Hawaii water programs prior to his visit to Hawaii in August on his way to the Coral Reef Task Force meeting in American Samoa *(Tentative Date: late July)*

4) Presentation from Ellen Blake (ORC) re: Hawaii Dept of Transportation stormwater consent decree---what was achieved, how could/should this be

incorporated into new permit, what tools could support other programs *(Tentative Date: August)*

5) EPA DD interested in each program having a strategy for their program activities (individually and in coordination with other programs) to reach appropriate water quality/environmental goals

We are trying to coordinate travel/vacation schedules and either I or Tina will propose specific dates for the West Maui follow-up meeting in the near future.

thanks!
Hudson