From: Sara Roser
To: Nancy Woo
Subject: Update for call on Thursday
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Nancy, Here's the revised list. It is based on the edits you placed on my chair around noon. I placed a paper copy of this revised list on your chair a little while ago. I need to leave at 4:30 today. I can check my email when I get home if you are not able to take a look at this before I leave.

One other point: In the call last month, Larry asked about the possibility of pollution trading within TMDLs. I understand it is possible but tricky. Might be a better subject left for grant negotiations. Here's a link to our trading policy: http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/trading/tradingbasics.html
I have not yet looked at it.

MAIN ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

1) Were you able to discuss with Dave Penn how to move forward with Dockets #2 and #3?

2) Monitoring:
a. Monitoring Initiative funds:

$ 1,063,417	Total MI funds allotted to HI by HQ since FY07
- $ 362,400	MI funds already awarded in FY09/10 work plan
- $ 417,680	MI funds needed for Coastal Condition Assessment
$ 283,337	MI funds held in Region

b. Status of Comprehensive Monitoring Strategy?

c. EPA's QA Office started review of CWB/EPO QA Program Plans. Some issues will require immediate attention, such as revision of the Beach Monitoring Decision Rule now that the amendments are approved for bacteria criteria in marine waters. There may be other issues that will need to be addressed when the review is complete.

3) Dave Smith will talk with Alec Wong about EPA's comments on the January 2010 draft CCH MS4 permit. There are some rather serious concerns about deficiencies in the draft permit.

4) ASO:
a. Were you able to verify whether ASO can properly use overtime given what is already allocated to ASO?
-- EPA received final FFRs to close out two grants (FY09 PWSS #F009393091 and FY06 BEACH grant # CU-96970901).
-- ERO is starting the final FFR to close out grant # CP96907501 for Kaelepulu based on final invoices received recently.
-- Five interim FFRs submitted. About eight interim FFRs needed for non-SRF grants.

-- Interim FFRs for SRF grants were already submitted.

b. Is there a need for ASO to connect by phone for grant negotiations?

c. During Juanita Licata and Jose Caratini's visit in March, an efficiency study was proposed to be conducted by ASO. Any idea of why and with what resources ASO will do this?

5) Grant negotiations are scheduled for May 11-13, 2010.

6) How was the visit with Jared?

OTHER GENERAL UPDATES

Ground Water:

County of Maui Injection Wells: On March 10th, EPA issued a letter to the County of Maui directing them to apply for CWA 401 certification for their injection wells at Lahaina. We requested that they submit an application to DOH by May 11. We copied DOH Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water Branches on the letter.

Equipment purchase: We understand that SDWB is drafting a letter to send for Governor's approval to purchase an Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry (LCMS) machine - basically a high-tech piece of lab equipment that will be very useful for DOH monitoring efforts. DOH is proposing to spend $600K (split 50/50 between GW 106 and DWSRF wellhead protection funds). EPA is supportive and keen to have LCMS purchased by end of FY to spend down the 4-year 106 GW grant which ends in Sept 10.

Wetlands:

Jason Brush, manager of R9 Wetlands Office, will contact Alec Wong regarding 401 certifications for nationwide permits.

Watersheds:

At the End-of-Year meeting in December, EPA and DOH discussed and agreed upon the content of status reports for the 3 priority watersheds. The status reports included recommendations for additional follow-up efforts on the part of EPA and/or DOH to move us forward in each of these watersheds. These watersheds and associated status reports will be discussed at the May grant negotiations and there is an expectation that EPA and DOH be prepared to provide appropriate updates.

EPA (Tina Yin) is conducting Advanced Monitoring on all the open HI 319 grants and will be preparing a report over the next couple of weeks. The report with findings will be shared with DOH at the end of April.

TMDLs:

EPA personnel office started paperwork to terminate Alexi Remnek's IPA on 9/30/10, as planned when the IPA was extended earlier this year. EPA's Human Resources Office notified Alexi about the action.

Grants:

Dates for sending draft work plans to EPA:

Grant	Draft Work Plan by:	Application submitted to EPA's Grants Management Office with final work plan by:	Award amount
106 - SW	4/26/10	6/30/10	$ 1,755,100
106- MI	3/29/10	4/2/10	$ 417,679
106 - GW	4/26/10	6/30/10	$ 297,000
604(b)	4/26/10	TBD	$ 159,000
Beach	Completed	Submitted on 3/9/10	$ 326,000
319	4/26/10	6/30/10	$ 1,596,304
PWSS - FY10	Completed	Awarded 12/09	$ 460,000*
PWSS- FY11	4/26/10	9/20/10 (anticipate award 1st Quarter FY 11)	$ 475,000
DW Security	4/26/10	6/30/10	$ 92,488

* Awarded before receiving full allocation from HQ. Remaining $15,000 of FY10 allocation will be awarded in next grant award.

FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST CALL:

NPDES:

There was a question about whether the lower limit for stormwater construction permits could be set at two or three acres rather than one acre. The one acre limit is a federal requirement. Although there are potential waivers for one to five acres based on ersosivity, Hawaii does not have the right kind of weather to allow this, according to Eugene.

TMDLs: Website for EPA's Trading Policy:
http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/trading/tradingbasics.html

GRANTS:

Comparison of FY10 and FY09 grant allocations:

Grant	FY10 Allocation	FY09 Allocation

106 – Surface Water	$ 1,683,100 + $ 106,600 for enforcement and permitting enhancement	$ 1,683,100
106 – Monitoring Initiative	$ 267,104	$ 267,104
106 – Ground Water	$ 297,000	$ 297,000
BEACH	$ 326,000	$ 323,000
604b	$ 159,000	$ 100,000
319	$ 1,490,100	$ 1,490,100
PWSS	$ 475,000	$ 460,000
DW SRF	$ 13,573,000	$ 8,146,000
CW SRF	$ 15,781,000	$ 5,223,500