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Hi Larry,
Below is a short summary of our call. Next call scheduled for November 18th. If its ok with you, I will set up a separate call with Stuart to discuss EPA's upcoming meeting in December. Let me know if this is ok.
Thanks,
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Main issues for 10/28 conference call

1. Status of cost-share agreement for Lahaina tracer study - Larry is pushing to finish the agreement.

2. County of Maui's 401 cert application - still a work in progress

3. Draw down of 604b ARRA funds - We are working with ASO to ensure draw downs do not exceed expenditures. Report from HQ flagged this as a concern.

4. Staffing update:
- Stuart Yamada's first day as Environmental Management Division Chief (position previously held by Tom Arizumi) is November 1.
  - Stuart will reorganize to form a grants management section in his office. Kevin 's entire section, a clerk, and secretary will form new section.
- The interview process to fill position previously held by Gayle Shida is complete and a recommendation will follow soon.
- Hearing officer (exempt position) selected and position should be filled soon.
- Confirmation from ASO that SRF will fund an accountant position. Sharon Abe is working to set it up.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. EPA OEI (Office of Environmental Information) approved Hawaii's CROMERR (Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Regulation) application for NetDMR. After this approval is printed in the Federal Register, Hawaii dischargers will be able to use EPA's web based tool, NetDMR, to submit monitoring data electronically. DOH already has several dischargers trained on NetDMR. - This is good news. Larry is pleased with the progress made by the CWB with IT development. It will help with reporting.

6. Jose Caratini and Susan Polanco conducted the Mid-Year Review of HI SRF ARRA projects during week of October 18. There were no findings on the transaction testing; project and inspection files were complete. We will follow-up on their State Environmental Review Process, cross cutters, and some inspection items. EPA is working with DOH on ways to address these points. - In State Environmental Review Process, Larry concerned about NEPA role for DOH.

7. Status of Kaizen exercise - On hold for now because grants management section already working overtime to not be too late with reporting. Stuart will continue to push this, especially since Sharon and Vanessa support it. HEER Office is will to fund a facilitator, so no water program funds needed.

8. Accomplishments:
- Coastal monitoring in West Maui was completed in September.
- Revised monitoring strategy is much improved. Can now apply for held Monitoring Initiative funds ($264,337). - Comprehensive Monitoring Strategy calls for quarterly review by Water Quality Governance Committee. Need to keep this going. Will be part of December meeting agenda.
- Hawaii coastal survey, which followed the National Coastal Condition Assessment design, will be completed in the next few weeks.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

9. In the next few days, EPA will be issuing a press release for an enforcement action against Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) for LCC violations at its Jack Hall Memorial housing property. HHFDC failed to close 13 LCCs by the March 2009 deadline but has agreed to close them by March 2011 and pay a penalty of $110K

FOLLOW-UP ITEMS

10. The end date of the Groundwater 106 grant (#I00939407) was extended. Remaining funds in the current grant are available for use now. DOH does not need to put a hold on in-process contracts or purchases and can request reimbursements at this time as long as they do not exceed the current funds remaining. Earlier in October, we understood the paperwork for the LCMS purchase had cleared the Governor's office and was back at DOH.
- Will go ahead with purchase of LCMS now that grant end date has been extended.

11. Planning has started for DOH/EPA end-of-year meeting during week of December 6 at DOH. We will send a draft agenda by November 10.

12. Next call: November 18 at 8 am Hawaii time, 10 am SF time.

Other points added by Larry:

1. CWB continues to work on rule changes for pesticides general permit.

2. Integrated Report - by March 2011

3. Hanalei Bay TMDL will be public noticed on October 31 and public meeting is scheduled for November 16.

4. Public meeting for Sunrise NPDES permit scheduled for November 23.