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Larry,

You and I are scheduled to have our first 15 minute call tomorrow morning (8:00am Hawaii time). I will initiate the call, but must warn you that our phone system has been very irregular these past two weeks.

To prepare myself for the call, I had Sara Roser draft up the following and thought it may be useful for you to have as well.

Talk with you tomorrow.
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A brief update on what has happened since our December meeting follows below:

General

1. Will grant funds from unspent salaries be used to fund ASO overtime to process FFRs (previously known as FSRs), specifically 319, 106 and possibly PWSS EPA/HDOH grants?

SRF

2. From Larry Lau's 1/22/10 email: All CWSRF (7 of 7) and DWSRF (9 of 9) agreements have now been signed. We have now met the 2-17-10 deadline for contracts or construction.

Drinking Water

3. Recent DOH personnel cuts eliminated three SDWB environmental health specialist / sanitarian positions located in the counties. These SDWB staff were the first line of contact for water system operators when any problems, such as high coliform counts, were detected. Without these sanitarians in the counties, water system operators,-who will now be responsible for sampling their own drinking water systems, will have no immediate SDWB contact when problems are detected.

4. The SDWB is also concerned that compliance with monitoring and reporting could be affected by the recent personnel and budget cuts. The County-based DOH staff also directly assisted systems with sample collection (both routine and special sampling) and shipping to labs. DOH is particularly concerned about the impact on small, privately-owned (non-County) water systems. Cut to the State Laboratory Division budget and personnel could also have a negative impact on the effectiveness of drinking water quality analyses.

Surface Water

5. Non-Responsive / Deliberative [redacted]

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6. For program decision-making purposes, it is difficult not having an EPO manager.

7. For grant purposes, I am using Alec Wong as the point of contact for both surface water and 604b grants.

8. What will be the duties of the new EMD QA position (Ann Teruya)? A small amount of 106 money helps to fund this position. The CWB asked Hudson about the possibility of using about $8,300 of Section 319 grant funds to help support this position. Due to the EMD Division Chief position being vacant (temporarily filled on a rotating basis), who will provide direction for this position?

9. For WQS (action item 5.b), we have not yet received the letter cited in EPO's responsiveness summary to comments on Docket #1 of the amendments. For Docket #2 (action item 5.c), Janet and I have a call with Dave Penn and Myron Honda on Thursday to discuss how to move forward with changes to the chlordane and dieldrin criteria.

10. The CWB informed us of the new need for the Governor's approval before HDOH can apply for some grant funds (BEACH and 319 grant: The CWB used the 1/11/10 Federal Register announcement for the 2010 BEACH grant. Funds not yet available for 319 grant so nothing available to start Governor's review process for it.)

11. Approval letter for Kaukonahua TMDL was sent to Larry on 1/25/10 with copy to Dave Penn. Kaneohe TMDL approval will follow soon.

NPDES

12. HDOH notified Region 9 on 1/25 that their AG's certification letter and CROMERR application for NetDMR is being submitted to EPA. Once approved, this will allow the state and dischargers to use EPA's electronic DMR submission tool, NetDMR. Training of the state staff has been completed and the permittees are receiving webinar training from EPA HQ this week. They should be able to start using NetDMR in the next quarter. This should help DOH since they have been affected by staff reduction in NPDES data management.

13. WTR-5 is reviewing a revised copy of the CCH MS4.

Enforcement/Compliance

Non-Responsive / Deliberative [redacted]

Ground Water

15. Status of Lahaina permit:

a. Draft permit is on hold until County of Maui applies for and obtains a 401 certification.

b. In the next few weeks, a letter will be sent to the County to inform them that they must apply for 401 certification.

c. In the next few days, a Section 308 letter will be sent to the County to require them to sample and characterize what's coming out of four seeps along the Kaanapali coastline. This will give a better idea of whether or not they are exceeding WQS. The letter will also require them to conduct a tracer study to determine the travel time between injection and the seeps. David Albright had a couple conversations with Ted Bohlen (AG's Office) about actions on the Lahaina WWRF. Ted provided DOH's perspective.

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