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Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management [HACEM] Meeting
HI-EMA Building 303 - Business Recovery Center

November 1, 2022

HACEM Members: Darryl Oliveira, County of Hawaii [Chair]
Ronald Cox, City and County of Honolulu
William C. Bergin, County of Hawaii
Glenda Nogami-Streufert, County of Kauai
Mona Curry, City and County of Honolulu
Gerry Silva, City and County of Honolulu

**DOD, HI-EMA, and
State Partners:**

MG Kenneth S. Hara, Adjutant General [Regrets]
BG Stephen F. Logan, Deputy Adjutant General
Luke P. Meyers, Administrator of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
David A. Lopez, Executive Officer of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
Michael Vincent, Deputy Attorney General [Regrets]
Hiro Toiya, Director, City & County of Honolulu, Depart. of Emergency Management
Elton Ushio, Administrator of Kauai Emergency Management
Herman Andaya, Administrator of Maui Emergency Management [Regrets]
Talmadge Magno, Administrator of Hawaii Civil Defense [Regrets]
Adam Weintraub, Communications Director of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
Carlos Rowe, Logistics Branch Chief of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
Matthew Wall, Operations Branch Chief of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
Jonathan Levy, GIS Lead, Operations Branch of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
Helen Au, Administrative Manager of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency [Regrets]
Lorinda Wong-Lau, Resilience Branch Chief of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency
Kelli Nicklaus-Ciccione, Private Secretary of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency

Guest(s): None

Public: None

I. Welcome/Call to Order

II. Open Remarks

- Luke Meyers/Darryl Oliveira – Welcome, call meeting to order, and roll call. Thank you for participating to share insight and wisdom in Emergency Management mission across the State. This will mark the first HACEM Meeting in person since May of 2020. We are leveraging the Business Recovery Center at HI-EMA, a product of the Obama EPA Grant.
- Continue to look at lessons learned and how we can make improvements here in State Emergency Management in the larger public safety.
- From an administrative perspective, we do have some potential change in State Emergency Management with the Governor’s transition coming. From a Cabinet perspective, including some positions here at HI-EMA.

IV. Minutes [1 November 2022]

- Minutes were circulated electronically for review, HACEM Members have approved and signed off on. 7 February 2023 HACEM Meeting announcement included approved Minutes.

V. Council Member Reports / Updates

- Luke Meyers – HACEM Agenda has been revised to place more emphasis on HACEM Members and County Representatives.

a.) Hawaii

Darryl Oliveira | William Bergin

- Darryl Oliveira: Welcome Dr. Bergin and thank you for interest in becoming a HACEM Member. Dr. Bergin is a very well-respected member of the community, both he and his entire family. Acknowledge the HI-EMA Team that has been present with the Community Meetings in support of our County Management Team and HVO. Ensuring the community is well informed, how they could be better prepared, and take action to care for themselves for those rural areas where limited in resources and infrastructure. It will require a community effort to prevent injury or worse from occurring, look forward to the update. It is interesting to hear from HACEM Members on different perspectives of the resilience hubs or resilience efforts in the community. There are numerous different models and concepts of resilience, but the core, is really the community coming together and aligning with Emergency Management or with government, and how to care for themselves.
- William (Billy) Bergin: I parallel serve on a Mauna Kea Management Advisory Board, so I understand the parameters within which we work. Will try to attend all meetings to ensure a quorum is achieved and the importance to serve in a physical capacity as well as virtual. Luke Meyers - With Dr. Bergin’s unique background having to do with animals, we have incidents where we look at property, facilities, and infrastructure/operations which has a lot of impacts on animals. This, along with his other interest will bring new perspective to the table as part of his HACEM service.

b.) Maui

Vacant

- Luke Meyers - There have been two inquiries through the Governor’s office. We have been in conversation with Herman Andaya regarding members of the community that have interest.

c.) Oahu

Gerry Silva | Ron Cox | Mona Curry

- Gerry Silva: As State AARP President, hosted four successful webinars with a focus on the elderly. In addition to, John Cummings from City and County Department of Emergency Management (DEM), came to talk to people about safety in high rises, where to shelter there, etc. There are 320 high rises on this island, and some are not great shelter options. Moving forward, AARP has incorporated this series of webinars in its 2023 Plan.

Glenda Nogami-Streufert – With webinars, there may be many of the elderly that are not able to get onto the internet. In place of webinars, seminars could be convened, or the AARP can convene in community meetings. In Kauai there are areas that may not have the internet access or not easily accessible.

HI-EMA Response – Webinar distribution, could be placed on thumb drives to interested parties. Another Statewide idea is AARP partnering with Lowes, City Mill, Target, etc.

Considering the recent hurricane in Florida, there are large retirement communities impacted where there was storm surge and the wind situations. May be opportunity for connection with Florida AARP.

- Ron Cox: Not present, sends his regards.
- Mona Curry: Personal update - sharing the I have resigned my position with FEMA, as a Division Supervisor within the Operations Cadre. The position sends me around the nation for months at a time and as I am expecting my first grandchild, I have decided to make myself more available at home for the next few months. I'd like to also share an update with you on the innovative Hauula Resilience HUB project. The architectural design is near the 75% completion mark. I am providing support in all areas surrounding the emergency management components, including what will be the communities Emergency Operations Center (EOC) within the HUB.
HI-EMA Response – What is the relationship with Government? Will need to have a conversation to support this priority when comes to potential funding, does the terminology of Resiliency Hub verses State or County EOC have funding implications (i.e., FEMA BRIC Funds, etc.)?

d.) Kauai

Glenda Nogami-Streufert

Glenda Nogami-Streufert Interest in resilient center(s). Kauai's Northshore has Resilience Hubs in Hanalei and are developing a Resilience Center in Wainiha. Costs have increased in the last couple of years. When development starts, you need to anticipate the inflation margins, this is usually the budgeting factor that is not projected high enough. Ni'ihau- Has no Emergency Warning System and is an isolated community. Incident Action Plan and Management Plan – Looking at creating due to gatherings at block parties on Kauai (i.e., Rice Street), because of the South Korean, Soul district incident. Natural Disasters – Nothing to report. Building Codes – Discussion. Referencing Fort Meyers Florida – Building codes we are up to code, therefore provided excess sheltering space.

COVID – We are still providing COVID testing around the island. Have more visitors than year prior, and there is interest in testing especially for travelers departing and going back home.

HI-EMA Response – There has been progress and are actively working siren investment with learned lessons from building codes with DAGS. Siren work on Ni'ihau, it was confirmed pending equipment.

VI. County EM Partner Reports

- **Hawaii** - Talmage Magno: Not present, sends his regards.
- **Maui** – Herman Andaya: Not present, sends his regards.
- **Kauai** – Elton Ushio: Robinson Family on Ni‘ihau Siren – It was confirmed the components were in excellent condition, all the components work. One part pending from DOE due to supply chain issue, anticipating receipt in May-June 2023. After installation of last pieces, will ensure the siren is fully operational and will have VIP meet with Mr. Robinson and test sounding of sirens. Hurricane Iniki remembrance, appreciate the opportunity to share, messaging the larger set of hazards. Building Codes and processes in Hawaii, I think it would be interesting to see the comparison to Fort Myers in Florida’s rebuilding and experiences they have based upon 30 years before. Innovative Readiness Training Program, providing humanitarian assistance because of most catastrophic care. KEMA is partnering with and working with for an assessment. First NET Broad Band – on Kauai. Act 12/35 – Thank you to HI-EMA on Hazard Mitigation. Levy rehabilitation – Hoping to partner with the Army Corps. Hiring – Fiscal Staff Officer. EMPG funding received.
HI-EMA Response – Wilcox Hospital Center- The backup generators are new, the old were donated to the Public Facilities for Kauai.
- **Oahu** – Hiro Toiya: Focusing on shelter space, working with here and now and how to use currently. In 2020 CARES Funding was used to assess. We selected facilities priority and are assessing; those being assessed now. The North Shore and Kailua have no facilities, the Windward side is sparse. American Red Cross has limited resource on island for pre-impact. Another project is the communication “easy to consume”.
HI-EMA Response – Improving the building from conception, new builds at least one portion of the structure should be built to the new permitting and planning hurricane specifications.

VII. Focus Areas and Issues (See attached slides)

- Moana Loa – Historic eruption frequency discussed. Public Outreach messaging and education of the hazards to the communities and the potentially isolated communities.

VIII. HI-EMA Update (see attached slides)

- Luke Meyers – From large priority perspective, as shared earlier this year with you, including high level strategic items that HI-EMA is working with partners in State.
- EMAP site assessment completed, pending Program Review Committee (PRC) of State of Hawaii Report. HI-EMA will be presenting assessment to PRC in January 2023.
- Other Program Highlights:
HI-EMA Administrative Reorganization; Participation Mililani First Responder Tech Campus (FRTC); Mauna Loa Status; Legislative Session Update; NLE 2024; and 2023 Priorities
- National Level Exercise 2024 – Participating in national level exercise, information is being developed. Series of trainings and exercises in next two years. With Governor’s transition, look forward to supporting the new Governor’s Cabinet. From a disaster perspective, want to ensure continuity disasters occur regardless.
- **Matthew Wall**, Operations Branch: Explanation of priorities - Hurricane season, planning, training, and exercise. Focus will be on the NLE 2024, which requires some revision of the existing training and exercise schedule as moving forward.

- **Lorinda Wong-Lau, Resilience Branch:** Retrofit Program history/brief. Programmatic Review. Hazard Mitigation – updates. Process of evaluating and working with the Counties, opened dialog with the Counties and DAGS. Shelters – looking at location, retrofit verified. DAGS projects seem to manage well, it is longer term and using match opportunity to increase funding.
- **Carlos Rowe, Logistics Branch:** Siren Legacy Program – reviewing program. Budget project is requesting eight radio technicians and requested non-standard equipment, includes Bucket Truck. Hiro Toiya – Is there consideration of making Siren GIS Viewer public? Darryl Oliveira – With the new technology, how far can sound reach and are there requirements? HI-EMA Response – There is consideration in making Siren GIS Viewer public. We have internal goals, and we want to be confident with all documentation working.

IX. HACEM Vision for 2023 / HACEM Status

- Vacancy - One HACEM Member seat to recruit (County of Maui).
- Retaining and recruiting members for HI-EMA.
- National Level Exercise (NLE) – HI-EMA and Other Partners participating.
- HACEM Member Binder: Meeting information; training information; Internal SharePoint Site for documentation; HACEM Contact List; HI-EMA 101 presentation; 2020-2025 Strategic Plan; Department/HI-EMA organization layout.

X. Closing Remarks

- Darryl Oliveira – Opportunity for group to express our desire to be as supportive as we can as an Advisory Board to government, also support Emergency Management Team across the State.
- Luke Meyers - Thank you all for supporting.

XI. Announcements/Adjournment

- Next HACEM Meeting, February 7, 2023 [11:00 a.m. - 2:00 pm].
- Darryl Oliveira - Motion to adjourn, Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Darryl Oliveira

DARRYL OLIVEIRA
Chair

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LUKE P. MEYERS
Administrator of Emergency Management