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

May 25, 2023

HACEM Members: Darryl Oliveira, County of Hawaii [Chair]
Ronald Cox, City and County of Honolulu [Regrets]
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 [Regrets]
James DS. Barros, Administrator of HI-EMA
David A. Lopez, Executive Officer of HI-EMA [Regrets]
Jordan Ching [on behalf of Craig Iha, Deputy Attorney General]
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
Talmadge Magno, Administrator of Hawaii Civil Defense
Adam Weintraub, Communications Director of HI-EMA
Francis Kau [attended on behalf of Jackie Russell, Logistics Branch Chief of HI-EMA]
Matthew Wall, Operations Branch Chief of HI-EMA
Coleen Yoshina [attended on behalf of Helen Au, Administrative Manager of HI-EMA]
Lorinda Wong-Lau, Resilience Branch Chief of HI-EMA
John Vierra, Community Outreach Lead of HI-EMA
Nathan Garrett, Informational Technology Specialist of HI-EMA
Justin Post, Radio Technician Specialist of HI-EMA
Trey Eldridge, Administrative Specialist of HI-EMA
Kelli Nicklaus-Cicccone, Private Secretary of HI-EMA

Guest(s): **International Tsunami Information Center (ITIC)**
Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC)
Dr. Laura Kong | Dr. Charles McCreery - NOAA

Public: None

I. Welcome/Call to Order

II. Open Remarks

- Darryl Oliveira– Welcome, call meeting to order, and roll call.
The Governor continues to work close with the Team and work close together.

III. Minutes

- The 25 May 2023 HACEM Meeting announcement included the approved Minutes from the 22 March 2023 Meeting.

IV. Council Member Reports / Updates

a.) Hawaii

Darryl Oliveira

Suggestion for leveraging additional technical assistance and has met with University School of Engineering and discuss how to take advantage of their capabilities collectively. The use of program student interns may be of value to emergency management with such things as conducting damage assessments and various plan development.

William (Billy) Bergin

Report that we had some rainfall on Hawaii County, but there are still areas of drought. The ongoing drought raises concerns for possible wildfires.

b.) Maui

Herman Andaya

Have sourced an interested candidate for the Maui HACEM Member seat. Will submit contact information to support.

c.) Oahu

Gerry Silva

Raised the possibility of expanding both internal and external Emergency Management communications without cost to the state or counties. This would be done using provisions in the cable franchises within each county. The grant of a cable franchise gives the recipient a right to use and occupy public places, highways and easements that are of a limited and scarce nature. There are several franchises in Hawaii:

- GTE Hawaiian Tel has a non-exclusive franchise for the City and County of Honolulu.
- Spectrum also has a non-exclusive franchise for the City and County of Honolulu.
- Additionally, Spectrum has non-exclusive franchises for Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai counties.

All franchises provide community benefits at no cost to the counties. Examples of benefits include:

- Connectivity of government agencies through the creation and support of Institutional Networks (INET).
- Connectivity to the Internet of all public schools and libraries.
- All franchises support the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

There may be room to improve EAS, such as expanding the points of origin to include all county EOCs and executive offices (Governor, Mayors, etc.)

Mr. Silva will try to meet with the HI-EMA Administrator during the coming weeks to discuss options.

Mona Curry (Slides presented)

- Presented information on the FEMA BRIC Technical Assistance (TA) Grant that Dotty Paddock applied for on behalf of the Resilience Hub. The Resilience Hub is for the entire Ko‘olauloa area, not just Hau‘ula.
- Hui o’ Hauula (non-profit that is spearheading the Resilience Hub) was awarded the TA. City and County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) requested that the TA be shared with the City and County so that other communities could also benefit on island.
- Both Billy Bergin and Glenda Nogami-Streufert requested a copy of the slides presented regarding the Resilience Hub in the meeting. Mona advised both have received the slides.
- Discussed status, funding, and envisioned variety of different standards.

d.) Kauai

Glenda Nogami-Streufert

- Continuation of budget, hiring actions.
- Reserve Corps working with those of interest.
- COVID-19 ended programs that were in support.
- Debt crisis - Requesting all the non-used funds.
- Innovative readiness training.

V. County EM Partner Reports

Hawaii - Talmage Magno:

- LMR, radio connect.
Hiro Toiya– The radio is like a SIM Card, it has push to talk capabilities. There is a latency with the First Net System.
HI-EMA Response– We have a dedicated Telcom Staff that handles and maintains.

Maui – Herman Andaya:

- Administrator James Barros visited Maui with the HI-EMA Team, assigned specific staff members to MEMA.
- Rockslide on the south side of Hana. The mayor has requested assistance, MEMA is assisting.
- Planning Senior Leader Workshop, scheduled for 20 June 2023.
- Will be having an Airport Exercise with the State. CERT Members will participate in the Exercise. We continue to work towards growing our CERT Team Members, despite some recruitment difficulties. Mona Curry extended an offer to connect MEMA to free CERT guidance to grow the program.
- Having a Disaster Expo this Saturday, with 20 participating agencies and organizations (NWS, several Honolulu Partners, Adam Weintraub has created invitations to support, etc.)
HI-EMA Response– Request to invite HI-EMA to all County Expos, Fairs, etc.
- FEMA containers were pre-staged and given. Asking the State to transfer and accept ownership.

Kauai – Elton Ushio:

- Systems- IT have updated laptops; Smart connect features 800 mg smart phones.

- Reserve Corps requested and envisioned multiple but were given one.
 - Once a prior incumbent passes probation, will move forward with hiring to fill the position.
 - Baratool works and creates extensive tracking measures.
 - Next 2 weeks will be going to schools for full building assessments.
- HI-EMA Response (Lorinda Wong-Lau)- Took a Team out to meet with structural engineers as they described their assessment process regarding to the building assessments.
- Mona Curry– Were the evaluations structural or due to accessibility? At one point all shelters had to be assessed.
- Gerry Silva– Is there a basic check list for condominium buildings or building code? All sites are supposed to be assessable, pet friendly, and have ADA accessibility for Government and non-governmental.

Oahu – Hiro Toiya:

- Shelter Assessment scheduled level of risk. We ensure we are synced with Lorinda’s Team continuing the communications.
- Building on Mona’s presentation on how the County can support. FEMA BRIC, technical experience, with not only Hau‘ula, but others. Ongoing work with not only Hau‘ula, but others too.
- Meeting coming up to incite or dialog Hau‘ula recognizing on the fore front. Mona is working to support the resiliency hub from the private sector side verses the Government.
- Meeting with Hawaii Food Bank regarding pre-staged food safe and items already in place prior to an activation.
- KITV is doing a news story on this especially for those communities isolated and we are leveraging the managers/partners that we have.
- The Emergency Management Operations Plan was updated last in 2014. Communicated with the Department Heads initially, discussed challenges with Hurricane Readiness and continued our preparatory services. John Bravender of National Weather Service; American Red Cross sheltering brought in volunteers from the mainland, scheduled one day arrival prior to impact. Appreciate volunteers but need to have base trained staff.
- Training Shelter Managers, etc.
- Testing Hurricane Preparedness Exercises, Activated the Mayor’s office as the lead of Public Communications and create a pool of PIOs for the Mayor’s office.
- Currently in consultation with vendors on Recovery for local governments.

VI. HI-EMA Update

James Barros, Administrator of HI-EMA

- Pacific Executive Leadership (PELP) in Hilo, Talmadge Magno attended with one staff. Provided opportunity to interface with Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, and other Pacific Partners. Will be sending more staff for the next session.
 - Finance Admin will be hiring new staff: Community Liaison Specialist | GIS Specialist
 - Took opportunity during Makani Pahili to work through the daily scenarios with injects.
 - Kilauea– Current status is no eruptions, but is showing 100+ earthquakes, with the prediction of the lava staying within the National Park. Will continue to monitor.
 - Forestry services met with Fire services and Public Informational Officers to ensure we are timely with our messages and dissemination.
- HI-EMA Response- Sign language with emergency notifications and through captioning.
- Talmadge Magno- The Federal law is close captioning.

Guest Speakers:

Presentation by, Dr. Charles McCreery and Dr. Laura Kong International Tsunami Information Center | Pacific Tsunami Warning Center

Dr. Chip McCreery– Presenting

- It has been since the 1940-60's since we have had a real incident.
- Hawaii has two types of tsunami threat (distant and local)
With local tsunamis it is how much time do you have? Explanation of time.
- Warning strategy for distant source tsunamis:
 - Step 1: Rapidly detect and characterize potential tsunami.
 - Step 2: Forecast tsunami impacts.
 - Step 3: Detect and monitor the tsunami.
 - Step 4: Issue products to warn and inform partners and the public.

Seismic Network and the Sea Level Network are monitored by U.S. TWCs. A ship travels annually and monitors.

- PTWC procedures and timeline for a distant source are: 1-3 hours (issue an alert); after Hawaii First Impact (continue alert); when tsunami threat has passed (issue cancellation); warning strategy for Local Source Tsunamis.
 - Step 1: Rapidly detect and characterize local earthquakes.
 - Step 2: Issue a Tsunami Info Statement (i.e., No tsunami threat....).
 - Step 3: Issue Warning immediately if there is a local tsunami threat.
 - Step 4: Detect and monitor the tsunami.
- There are seismic network stations around the Big Island, these sensors will help to evaluate.

Dr. Laura Kong - Presenting

- On 31 March we invited to PTWC, the Governor's delegation and had them visit all our respective offices.

Overall– Actions:

- Preparedness and Mitigation.
- Event Operations: Change, improve, and clarify.
- Tsunami Hazard and Alerts – boat harbors.
- Post Tsunami Field Surveys.
 - Background
 - Action - Need to have a plan.
 - If impact is a threat, plan needs to be coordinated and tracked immediately.

Talmadge Magno- Integrated with Alert Warning Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA).

VII. HI-EMA Status

James Barros, Administrator of HI-EMA

- Francis Kau, has moved from the Resilience Branch to the Logistics Branch into the Regional Catastrophic Planner position.
- Don Aweau, is joining HI-EMA as our new Executive Officer on 16 June.
- John Vierra, joined HI-EMA as our Community Outreach Lead on 1 May.
- David Lopez, is HI-EMA's Port Task Force Officer in Charge.
- NLE 24 Exercise Objectives and how we shape.
- Three (3) large areas of Operations (CDC, Mid Planning, NLE)
- Grant Workshop (June)

VIII. HACEM Status

Darryl Oliveira, Chair of HACEM

- Ron Cox– Term is ending June of 2023.
- Maui Member– A candidate has been sourced.

IX. Closing Remarks

- EMAP accreditation status- Have submitted requested items and will be receiving the evaluation results in October.

X. Announcements/Adjournment

- Next HACEM Meeting, October 26, 2023 [10:00 am-12:00 noon]
- Darryl Oliveira- Motion to adjourn, Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Darryl Oliveira

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Chair

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JAMES DS. BARROS
Administrator
Hawaii Emergency Management