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Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management [HACEM] Meeting

Virtual

October 26, 2023

HACEM Members: Darryl Oliveira, County of Hawaii [Chair]

William C. Bergin, County of Hawaii [Regrets] Mona Curry, City and County of Honolulu Glenda Nogami-Streufert, County of Kauai Gerry Silva, City and County of Honolulu

DOD, HI-EMA,

and State Partners: MG Kenneth S. Hara, Adjutant General

BG Stephen F. Logan, Deputy Adjutant General [Regrets]

James DS. Barros, Administrator of HI-EMA

Craig Iha, Deputy Attorney General

Hiro Toiya, Director, City & County of Honolulu, Depart. of Emergency Management

Elton Ushio, Administrator of Kauai Emergency Management

Darryl Oliveira, Acting Administrator of Maui Emergency Management

Talmadge Magno, Administrator of Hawaii Civil Defense Adam Weintraub, Communications Director of HI-EMA Jackie Russell, Logistics Branch Chief of HI-EMA Matthew Wall, Operations Branch Chief of HI-EMA 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-Ciccone, Private Secretary of HI-EMA

Guest(s): Kelsey Yamanaka, Acting Hazard Mitigation Officer

Lauren Mark, Grants Program Manager

Public: None

I. Welcome/Call to Order

II. Open Remarks

- <u>James Barros</u> Welcome, call meeting to order, and roll call.
- MG Kenneth Hara Thank everyone for participating. Reserving comments for when Chair Oliveira joins.

III. Minutes

 The 26 October 2023 HACEM Meeting announcement included the approved Minutes from the 25 May 2023 Meeting.

IV. Council Member Reports / Updates

a.) Hawaii

Darryl Oliveira

b.) Maui

James Barros (reporting on behalf of Darryl Oliveira until able to join)

Efforts on West Maui – FEMA were still having mission assignments or with the Corps of Engineers doing the debris clean up. Possibly the U.S. Corps to do some temporary housing solutions and providing some insight, EPA still on the ground with a mission assignment to do the hazardous household materials. The Coast Guard will be working the vessel removals in the harbor.

Individual Assistance (IA) and Public Assistance (PA) has a huge footprint. Public Assistance application period closed two (2) days ago. Lorinda Wong-Lau will provide us with an update on some of the PA information and are surging in the IA regarding the DRC with FEMA. Great Team effort with FEMA, HI-EMA, and the County with re-entry applications there. It is a robust hub for the people of West Maui. HI-EMA and American Red Cross (ARC), we are still working on non-congregate sheltering in the 36 hotels, we are not at the place right now for data sharing between the entities, but we have made progress. The Governor is wanting to start to decompress the non-congregate sheltering and get families into something more permanent, the Teams are working hard to find those solutions.

The State stood up Long Term Recovery efforts. Luke Meyers and his Team started to form for the State and linking with FEMA partners.

Hazard Mitigation and funding will be presented by Kelsey Yamanaka.

<u>HI-EMA Response (MG Hara)</u>- Working on at the state level and reaching to the counties, fire department, and the power utilities regarding emergency power shutdown. Hawaii Electric's concern is if the power is shut down prior to a red flag event, the communications will be impacted and affect emergency response. It will affect hospitals and vulnerable populations that need power for their health care issues, and if not coordinated ahead of time there could be more impacts. Working to get resources so they can monitor their system from distribution all the way through to production, include weather sensors to monitor if there is a problem and shut down

smaller areas as opposed to multiple towns impacted.

We may be setting up a working group, Frank Pace from our Department Office of Homeland Security will be the lead. There have been meetings determining the structure, an invite will be coming out to all the counties for participation. In coordination with the Public Utilities Commission, to invest in what California has. Mona Curry- To build community trust, will the community be involved? It can bring contention to meetings but can also allow people to have a voice making the process open. Some committee meetings internally and take out to the community introducing new information and receive community feedback.

<u>HI-EMA Response (MG Hara)</u>- Should be accepted because it reduces risk and is trying to mitigate the consequences should there be a shutdown.

<u>Talmadge Magno</u>- We have held numerous public meetings; information could be addressed and could be brought to the Waikoloa Community. They are fire wise and are some of the threatened communities and are receptive to hearing information.

c.) Oahu

Gerry Silva

Looking at the non-exclusive cable franchises that the counties in our state have with major cable companies. Spectrum provides cable services under franchises with Honolulu, the Big Island, Kauai and Maui County. Hawaiian Telcom has a franchise to serve customers on Oahu. However, it recently applied for three franchises on the neighbor islands.

A cable franchise is a privilege because its infrastructure (poles, conduits, etc.) uses public rights of way. Because of this, it is customary for public benefits packages to be negotiated without cost as part of franchise agreements. That could include dedicated cable channels for government use, and the creation of networks that serve public, educational, and governmental purposes. It could improve our data and video connectivity for emergency management purposes. That could enhance our ability to coordinate between the various SESFs and to improve SESF 2. Will provide an update to the group at the next meeting.

<u>HI-EMA Response (MG Hara)</u>: I believe the fees charged are under the authority of responsibility of DCA and there is a trust account where those funds go in. We could probably request or leverage how the funding is used for anything related to communications. Chris Leonard used to Chair on a similar Board that had different communications entities that participated.

<u>HI-EMA Response</u>: The Board referencing is the Statewide Emergency Communications Commission. It is FCC sanctioned. Chris Leonard is the Chair and Ryan Hirae is the Co-Chair. We write the ECS Plans, and we work with the local cable TV and radio broadcasters. I can work with Mr. Silva and email info to support.

Mona Curry (Slides presented)

■ The Hui o' Hauula Resilience Hub has finished the final environmental assessment. Team Rubicon clears out the site every weekend. In February we are having an exercise to test our ability to activate the Aloha Emergency Operations Center, which is now called the Community Communication Center (CCC). It will be kind of a HC adjacent not completely compliant, because we are not reporting it to FEMA. These are all the community members, so there is no need to go through

- that whole formal process.
- Have questions for the Advisory Council in general. I want to make sure that my time on this Advisory Council is making a difference and have mentioned previously.
- What is expected of me as an Advisory Council Member? How can you benefit from me being on this Council and what can I be doing that would make more of a difference? I want to be a real resource to you, and I just don't see that happening with this Advisory Council.

I would appreciate a clearer definition, something in writing so I can make sure I'm meeting the goals of the Advisory Council. My recommendation is that meeting be held separately from this larger meeting where we have a lot of guests on the call.

<u>HI-EMA Response (MG Hara)</u>: I would like to discuss as one of my opening statement remarks when Chair Darryl Oliveira joins.

d.) Kauai

Glenda Nogami-Streufert

Reporting together with Elton Ushio at KEMA.

- KEMA has hired an Emergency Management Staff Specialist and will be recruiting for a Public Safety Services Secretary and the Executive Officer positions.
- With the transition of personnel, all staff are working to ensure grants and paperwork are completed on time.
- KEMA and the County of Kauai personnel are committed to continue providing ongoing and future support for the Maui Wildfires, as/if requested.
- KEMA is working with Kauai County Public Works Department on two levee projects to ensure completion of work is coordinated. There are some concerns remaining for who's responsible for what and where the funding is/will be coming from. Nick Courson, Attorney/KEMA Officer, is working with Senator Brian Schatz and his office to ensure it has visibility and continued political and financial support.

V. FEMA DR. 4724-HI Update

VI. County EM Partner Reports

Hawaii - Talmage Magno:

- Since the 8 August fires on Maui and Hawaii County, everyone is concerned, and we have been active in community outreach. Almost weekly we meet with different communities on the West side that feel threatened. Discussions with people working with the Hawaii Wildfire Management organization to provide product awareness.
- Due to the current drought condition, about 60% of the Hawaii island residents are on catchment. We are seeing that water haulers are busy, and the public spigots have steady lines of people filling. Also monitoring the potential for wildfire, in areas that usually don't have fires windward side.
- Reviewing the alert systems, all our products that we have through HI-EMA and our Everbridge system.

- Kilauea is fully pressurized, magmas moved into the shallow chambers. The next eruption could be fast. Fortunately, it will be within the National Park, in closed areas, but within view. With the last few events the concern was the South winds brought high gas levels plus fine particles.
- Reviewing planning processes for different communities on island if not statewide. Have been working on the tsunami evacuation plan for the last two years and will start to do exercising that on 7 November. In April 2024 we will have a full-scale exercise on the island.
 - <u>HI-EMA Response (James Barros)</u>- Question on planning a statewide tsunami exercise as far as alerting and pulling the Governor into the exercise too. I am not sure if the timeframe will work for us but would like to discuss with the other counties as far as synchronizing our tsunami exercises.
- During this period, it has been relatively quiet since the 8 August fires, taking the opportunity to work on planning and deploying staff to Maui.

Maui – Darryl Oliveira (Acting):

- To all, thanks for supporting the operations here on Maui. All the counties have sent over resources to assist and support us.
 - We are in phase one with the EPA doing their household hazardous waste collection and we're also doing concurrently the reentry. We are taking residents and property owners back to their properties in the fire area and is going well to date. We have probably assisted over 400 people with doing their site or property assessments, issued well over 800 passes. The reason we do passes, unlike other jurisdictions, is we're trying to respect and protect the privacy of the residents with their ability to go back as much as needed to grieve, insurance claims closure, look for belongings, etc.
- We heard from Cal Fire and especially CAL CHP who creates a lot of the repopulation plans for the fires on the mainland, once the jurisdiction opens the fire areas, they allow anybody in unrestricted their legal representatives have interpreted that you can't restrict access. But, in this situation because of the health concerns and the declared emergencies, we're restricting access to a construction area, the residents and nobody has challenged, nobody has questioned, nobody has pushed back on restricting. We hear nothing but positive because I think the culture here is one of respect, courtesy, and allowing the community to heal.
- Debris removal We are ramping up in anticipation of the Army Core getting their contracts awarded and then moving into debris removal. This is going to be a huge step and a huge lift coming in between us doing reentry and the Core coming in or working with the EPA to apply the soil stabilizer, soil tech product that is a very safe product and environmentally friendly too. In weighing the potential health impacts by doing nothing and allowing the dust to be airborne, there are more benefits than adverse consequences with applying the soil tech. We are sharing with the community is the soil tech product, when applied to the ash, will only penetrate just to the depth of the ash and no deep penetration. If there was any concern for contamination going forward, I think all the island communities have the same history with plantation and different agriculture activities. We asked Department of Health (DOH) to compare the arsenic levels in the ash to what is in the ground. Data regarding Kula's ash has a high concentration level of arsenic, cobalt, lead, etc. we are asking for background testing. Are testing outside of

the fire areas just to give us an idea of the basic levels that are out there in the community. It is the responsible thing to do with any kind of a hazard. The risk assessment is to get that background baseline levels and compare to what the impact is presenting.

A command post is now running out of Lahaina as well as maintaining the Emergency
Operating Center (EOC) support from Wailuku. We expect reentry of the certain zones by midDecember and to hear the USACE schedule with debris removal.

A lot of lessons learned, we can look at ways to align with the emergency managers, align with HI-EMA, and really capitalize on opportunities going forward with raising Emergency Management, the system and all its components to a higher level of awareness and maybe support legislatively.

Kauai – Elton Ushio:

- Kauai Utilities Commission (KUC) for the first time during the last red flag warning event proactively shut down a limited area, in other areas they put in a one-shot mode. Normally they go where there is a sense fault or possible grounding and power cuts off for just a few seconds and comes back on resulting in neighboring areas to experience a slight brownout.
- Kekaha is a timber draw, we are mindful of red flag dates and symptoms. We are going to have to be a lot more efficient, it has been a learning experience. I think anyone who is in this situation, also be able to help themselves and to prevent. Working with intense focus on wildfire response, mitigation, and outreach.
- Appreciate having these meetings because it provides situational awareness throughout the state. Looking at existing plans, protocols, guidelines, trying to enhance and update. Some changes the Kauai Police Department is our public safety answering point and use a software called Spillman as part of their CAD system.

 KEMA staff have been added brush or wildfire is reported, we will know as soon as it's created in the system by text message and then email.

 A change that we made is that, during the issuances of red flag warnings, we now will partially activate the EOC to ensure staffing here 24/7 for the duration of the event. We have done some targeted community outreach with the Fire Chief, and I prepared an
- KEMA Staffing Filled the following positions: Emergency Management Staff Specialist, Public Safety Services Secretary, Program Support Technician Position. Will start to a formal recruitment process for a new executive officer at KEMA. KEMA is also providing operations support to Maui County.

online webinar for the Chamber of Commerce via Zoom.

- We continue to support various communication system upgrades, system hardening by incorporating more of the next generation type of Smart Connect radios. Works on public safety radio and cellular seamlessly.
- GIS- Met with our county leads from various departments and IT. We are looking at how to enhance KEMA and public safety response and situational awareness through GIS. There is similar effort going on with Frank Pace and his Team. We welcome comparing notes with Frank and his Team, learn suggestions on what might be good statewide and share what KEMA is working on too.
- KEMA was approached by a company and Hawaii is field testing something call an early warning fire sensor. They have placed several sensors on our dry South Shore areas, and they can supposedly detect fire from a great distance away, almost as soon

as it starts. These sensors have been effectively deployed in California and I believe in the State of Oregon as field tested this past fire season ending in October.

Oahu – <u>Hiro Toiya</u>:

Regarding the 8 August Wildfires, Mayor Blangiardi issued a directive to the Department sent to the Managing Director to review the wildfire risk for Oahu and to ensure that all of our plans and policies are incorporating those risks in light of additional risks that might have been based on recent developments as well as climate change.

Our goal is to review the existing studies and understanding of our risk, including some formal studies as well as field evaluation by the Honolulu Fire Department and some of the other departments out in the community. Looking at these high hazard areas and what is called target hazards that we may be able to mitigate in some ways.

Current practices in terms of control and vegetation and some of the city owned properties and what are the actions that are taking in terms of enforcing existing codes? The fire codes regulate them (i.e., How much vegetation you can have around your structures.

Sourcing a better understanding of laws and regulations that govern the activities we can take on a day-to-day basis. This may require certain types of permitting to be issued by the Department of Planning and Permitting. There are also some infrastructure issues to discuss and the preemptive public safety shutoff of power and implications including water for firefighting and duration of the shutoff could compromise the ability for the water infrastructure to pump water to enable firefighting. Need to fully understand all the implications and inform areas in where Board of water Supply need to invest in additional generators. The use of additional mitigation funds to support the investment into the power infrastructure for pumping water.

- Readiness -Working on public information and education, a lot of work has already been done by the Hawaii Wildfire Management organization and the Fire Department for enhancing communication to the Public. Ready to go plans on the firefighting side. Mass evacuation planning.
- Coordination with police, fire, transportation services emergency access roads that we will provide additional opportunities. Currently the MOA allow for the use of Kolekole Pass during certain conditions to be used by emergency vehicles only.
- The Hazard Mitigation Plan- HI-EMA worked with us on the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) do fund our update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This is something we are required to do every five ears to stay current and eligible for certain types of grants. The timeline is compressed on this for a number of reasons.

We are a recipient of the BRIC Technical Assistance.

<u>VII.</u> <u>HI-EMA Update (Per MG Hara's approval -Slides were not presented & discussion withheld to discuss/shape HACEM Member term of reference)</u>

James Barros, Administrator of HI-EMA

- a. EMPG Update
- b. Recovery Projects
- c. Hazard Mitigation
- d. NLE 2024
- e. Sirens Map / Program
- f. HHARP

VIII. HI-EMA Legislation Update

James Barros, Administrator of HI-EMA

IX. HACEM Status

Darryl Oliveira, Chair of HACEM

Maui Member— A candidate has been sourced.
 <u>HI-EMA Response (MG Hara)</u>- Will need to expedite so it can go through the Senate hearing and then the confirmation hearing.

MG Kenneth Hara, Director of HI-EMA

What are the expectations of the Council Members? Sharing the Hawaii Revised Statutes, Chapter 127-A. The bottom line is the law that addresses an advisory council on emergency management with seven (7) members nominated advising, consent by the Governor. The Governor designates the Chairperson, which is Darryl Oliveira, the overall role is to confer with and advise the Governor in matters pertaining to Emergency Management.

<u>Action</u>: Request Administrator Barros to publish a Term of Reference that is more robust and more explicit on what the roles and expectations should be, currently the terms are too generic. Create a draft, discuss with the Advisory Panel and present at the February Meeting?

The council members can help us with advocating for resources and mitigation efforts that were discussed by the Administrators. Assist as we move into the state legislative session in helping with legislative proposals. Submit written testimony and testify in person to advocate for or kill bills that don't make sense during the legislative session and advocating for our budget.

In 2015, as the Deputy Adjutant General, we not only ensured the minutes were submitted to the Governor and invite the Governor to one HACEM Meeting annually.

When the Governor is present at the HACEM Meeting, advise on recommendations to him. I think this is a responsibility that this committee should be doing and will be extremely helpful.

In sharing with you, I have talked about the legislative proposals and there is a gap that I'm witnessing related to the Major Disaster Fund (MDF). If unfamiliar with, that is the State's money that if there is a disaster, we draw down for response.

Receive \$5 million per year in the MDF and then the Governor has ability to draw down \$10 million more without the approval of the state legislature. The MDF lapses at the end of the state fiscal year, and if we don't use \$5 million in the fiscal year, the money lapses, but only

\$2.5 million of that can carry over. At the start of this fiscal year, we had \$7.5 million and immediately upon the emergency of 8 August I had requested the Lieutenant Governor, who was then the Acting Governor, to create an emergency proclamation so we would have access to the MDF early on because we would have to start expanding money. I cannot do anything legally unless there is funding and will need more funding, when funds are received the plan is to move into the MDF and spend down or encumber by the end of June or all the money disappear. As most of you probably know is a lot of these disasters are response and recovery across multiple fiscal years and still are still receiving invoices from disasters for 2-3 years ago and I don't have the funding. Last year the legislature passed a bill that became into law whereby in the past any federal reimbursement would go into the MD Trust Fund and then that never lapses. This is what we used primarily for mitigation measure and then future disasters. This new law mandates the money is returned to the original appropriation.

The Governor and Budget & Finance (B&F) did now obtain \$100 million by taking from the other departments and place in to the MDF and when we get the federal reimbursements, it will go back into the General Fund and will not have access for Emergency Management. It goes back to the general fund, I cannot get access to funding until the legislature meets and publishes a new budget, this is an item that I may need help moving forward with. In an email sent to James Barros and Craig Iha, Deputy Attorney General, the Office of Homeland Security is working to address. They have created a website in coordination with the Communications Director from the Governor's office.

Mona Curry Comments:

Need to work quickly to get things done and would press HI-EMA to be more proactive. Not sure if this means a cultural shift?

The Council could be used in that process to strengthen those goals that you were trying to do. Need to discuss the Council's functioning.

I understand the rule around board members meeting aside from the public interface like we're having now.

During the fire event, there were briefs/sitreps, but the Council did not receive them, or at least I did not. Luke Meyers was trying to create transparency because we can't be advocates if we're not aware.

Action Items:

- -Suggest strengthening the Council to be a resource, work together on legislative proposals, testimony, budget, etc. Define items that can be worked on for the agency itself so it can be more solid with its capabilities?
- -Prior to the next HACEM Meeting, request a draft of a new description that would define better clarity of the function, goals, and description of the Advisory Council. Have the draft document sent to the Members for comment to ensure the momentum is not lost.
- -Darryl may be reaching out to each board member to have a separate meeting as well.
- -In a career as an emergency manager, my experience and being on this Advisory Council, areas of concern (i.e., HI-EMA Staff training, etc.).
- -Shared through discussion to Administrator Barros and MG Hara, examples of other boards for better defining context of the Advisory Council.
- -In listening to the community, social media, conspiracy theories, etc. I think it is damaging if you do not get ahead of it.

-Have the Governor or a representative from the Governor's office at each HACEM Meeting?

MG Hara:

- -We've have been asking for resources from 2015 when I came on. I met with legislators and the governor and advised we need to invest in Emergency Management. We need to mitigate, help, be prepared, have exercises, etc. To do this we need resources and funding.
- -The HACEM is an Advisory Committee, not advising mentors. The Council by law, advises the Governor.
- -If the circular issue is just within this organization, we're trying to fix that.
- -In the past, unless necessary, the meeting attendees included are a small group made up of primarily the Council Members, key leaders from HI-EMA, HI-EMA Director, Deputy Adjutant General, and the Deputy Attorney General.

Action Items:

- -Request Administrator Barros to publish a <u>Term of Reference</u> that is more robust and more explicit on what the roles and expectations should be, currently the terms are too generic. Create a draft, discuss with the Advisory Panel and present at the February Meeting?
- -Scope down the meeting.
- -Suggest providing updates in writing prior to the meeting, the Council Members can question and therefore more focus is on what the committee wants, as opposed to pushing out information.
- -If there is a disaster and the EOC is fully activated, HACEM Members should be notified, if available, and have go to the County's EOC. I would ask Council Members to continue to be notified and mobilize to the EOC during disasters.

In past disasters Council Members would mobilize and go to the EOC during disasters. One additional resource, some expertise and then for their learning as well to see what we are doing during an actual disaster.

I would ask Council Members to continue to be notified and mobilize to the EOC during disasters.

Darryl Oliveira

Referenced from several meetings back, we've had the conversations about how can this body be used more effectively to advocate, to advise the governor, etc.?

I think prior to myself being the HACEM Chair, Bill Anonsen was the Chair, was Oahu based, and at the time had been working very closely with the administration on the port resiliency project. He met and conversed with the governor regularly. Conversations on the issues of port on the maritime industry, he also capitalized on the time that he was in the governor's office and advocate of voice. If there was some opportunity for us as the Advisory Council Members to know what those key objectives are so we could be in sync with what MG Hara and Administrator Barros have noted as priorities for HI-EMA to advocate.

At the same time to look at things from the outside and we will provide input on what might be areas that this group can run with (i.e., Mona mentioned public trust and confidence, Members might be able to do more for our community perspective in educating). Educating the local legislative and executive branches of government. What is the role of the different layers of Emergency Management? What is the role of HACEM and maybe, improve public perception,

public confidence, and public trust.

Action Items:

- -Suggest having a dedicated meeting to come up with those clearly defined goals and objectives for the next year would be nice for our body and be able to pivot. So, we do not violate any of the Sunshine Law, but at least get feedback and keep the Members formed from on my side, the Chair.
- -MG Hara/Craig Iha Sunshine Law guidelines There are some exceptions to the Sunshine Law, we can go over on a case-by-case basis. If a Member, the Chair, or MG Hara have any questions, please contact me and I can assist so that it complies.
- -Will work with Administrator Barros today and then expect a reach out from me to all the board members.
- -Have the Governor feel comfortable in establishing some expectations for the HACEM body.
- -This is an opportunity for the Governor to express to the board members, and even the mayors if there is interest in the HACEM Members participating in the EOC from the standpoint of observing, but able to share without creating awkward situations.

James Barros

To answer one of Mona's mentions, I did not push out anything on any activation or any of the warnings or anything that happened operationally to the Board because from my perspective, I didn't think it was an operational board, no members received.

Working to recruit Senior Liaison Officers (LNO). Deploy the LNOs to the counties when they're activated.

Action Items:

MG Hara referenced, maybe at the February HACEM Meeting, having the Governor's participation to advise on his priorities, the objectives of importance to him as the Governor. The HACEM board is the Governor's Advisory Board.

Hiro Toiya:

Appreciate the intent and discussion but want to caution that DEM (Oahu) we have our own five (5) Member Advisory Commission that advises the Mayor and the City Council. Our ability to host additional people is minimal our EOC is very small and undersized. Gerald Silva:

Assist with getting budgets passed, if there are legislature contacts they need to be exercised, prepare info to take to them.

X. Closing Remarks

Attendees / Council Members

James Barros:

Reserve Core and funding through the Major Disaster Fund. The intent is to hire people to use as a resource and when deployed to the county, they will work directly for the County. The problem currently is with the 89-day hires, the position needs to renew after 89 days in the Reserve Core Position. I think we all recognize that the staffing at the state and county level is nowhere new where it needs to be for a major disaster.

Sharing with the Members is early September, the Governor had thoughts in going forward with land reform in environmental risk that's kind of linked to our State Hazard Mitigation Plan that was approved and will be online soon. The thinking is placement of fire equipment for response and not having placed only on state assets across the island, but some on our private industry partners as far as equipment and what is available throughout the state (i.e., schools, community colleges, etc.).

Next Generation Sensors - The Chief of Staff has interest in working with this as it pertains to the sensors.

Hawaiian Electric (HECO) – Will have next generation pulls when wires need to stay above ground.

XI. Announcements/Adjournment

Darryl Oliveira, Chair

- Next HACEM Meeting, February 8, 2024 [10:00 am-12:00 noon]
- Darryl Oliveira- Motion to adjourn, Meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Darryl Oliveira

DARRYL OLIVEIRA Chair, HACEM

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JAMES DS. BARROS Administrator Hawaii Emergency Management

- 1) HACEM Meeting was rescheduled to March 14, 2024 [10:00 am 2:00 pm].
- 2) November 2023, Administrator James Barros submitted a draft document to Director Hara, Chair Oliveira, and Governor Green regarding the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management (HACEM) Member(s) roles and responsibilities for review.