Hawaii Energy Forum Meeting

September 22, 2004 Meeting
Prince Kuhio Federal Building 7-212

Summary Notes

In Attendance:

Steve Holmes, Mitch Ewan, Jennifer Chow for Senator Kalani English, Cheryl Kikuta, John Cole, Maurice Kaya, Murray Towill, Lynne Ebisui, Eileen Yoshinaka, Brenner Munger, William Kaneko (HIPA Executive Director), Steve Alber, Rick Rocheleau, Mike Hamnett, Sharon Miyashiro.

Feedback on Strategy Report:

1. The Strategy Report was well done in integrating the various components for the public; it is a good outcome of the Forum’s investment.
2. Report is too general. We need more a specific implementation plan with action items, parties responsible for implementation, and timelines.
3. Other factors that HEPF should consider:
   a) Transportation. Dependency on jet fuels
   b) City efforts in distributed generation, renewables, recycling; resources available in 3-5 years.

Distribution/Announcement of Reports:

1. CD of the Strategy Report and other reports of the Forum, including meetings and Summit results, will be available in the next week.
2. Distribution should be made to:
   a) Legislature
   b) Congressional Delegation
   c) State Administration – Governor’s Office (Linda Smith);
      Directors of DCCA, DBEDT, DoT, DLNR

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   d) Federal agencies – USDOD, DoE
   e) Counties
   f) Economic Development Offices

3. Reports should be made available by links to DBEDT, HNEI websites
4. Send out press release to announce availability of the report and links
5. Legislative informational briefing should be convened by Sen English & Rep Morita (January 2005 prior to opening)

**Forum Followup Actions:**

1. Forum should continue but needs to build its credibility in the community.
   Needs to identify who we are and who we want to be, ie what value does HEPF provide. We should publicize HEPF identity as an organization that provides advice & counsel to policymakers; a group of representative energy stakeholders that decisionmakers can use to bounce ideas, etc.
2. Continue current members; add Governor’s Office (Linda Smith).
3. Forum should work on near-term challenges, i.e., regulatory reform. Forum should convene meeting to focus on developing specific follow-up actions based on Carl Freedman’s study and Summit recommendations.
4. Next steps:
   a) Issue press release upon distribution of CD on Strategy Report
   b) Convene HEPF meeting to develop specific actions on regulatory reform. Schedule in early October 2004. Interested HEPF members should attend to develop recommendations.
   c) Convene HEPF General Meeting to hear Jeff Brown’s final report on LNG and recommendations on specific action plan relating to regulatory reform. Schedule in November 2004.
   d) Legislative briefing on specific HEPF recommendations relating to legislative proposals. Schedule in early January 2005 prior to opening of session

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e) UH Social Sciences Public Policy Center (SSPPC) & Hawai’i Institute for Public Affairs (HIPA) have agreed to co-sponsor the HEPF. They will develop proposed budget to submit to DBEDT to obtain funding to continue its work.

Next meeting.

The next Forum meeting will be held on Monday October 11 from 10am –12pm. We will check with Carl Freedman and find meeting place. Focus will be on regulatory reform and developing specific action recommendations to take forward in the coming year, including a legislative package for the coming session.