Summary Notes

In Attendance:

Bob Arrigoni, Hawaii County; Amy Asselbaye, Rep. Abercrombie's Office; Catherine Awakuni, DCA; Warren Bollmeier, HREA; Carl Freedman, Haiku Design and Analysis; Steve Golden, The Gas Company; Mike Hamnett, RCUH; Paula Helfrich, Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii; Darren Kimura, Energy Industries; Allyn Lee, Dept of Design & Construction; Sharon Miyashiro, PPC; Rep. Hermina Morita, House Committee on Energy; Tim O'Connell, USDA/Rural Development; Melissa Pavlicek, Western States Petroleum Association; Rick Reed, Hawaii Solar Energy Association; Rick Rocheleau, HNEI; Stephen Rymsha, KIUC; Glenn Sato, Office of Economic Development of Kauai; Lance Tanaka, Tesoro; Maurice Kaya, DBEDT. Carlito Caliboso, PUC; John Cole, PUC; Jayson Horiuchi, DCA; Kevin Katsura, HECO, Cheryl Kikuta, DCA; Les Kondo, PUC; Kristen Murashige, DCA; Bill Pats, DBEDT, Priscilla Thompson.

Carlito Caliboso: Plans and Priorities of the Public Utilities Commission

Maurice Kaya: Plans and Priorities of the State Energy Program

• Energy program has raised the bar on energy expectations over the years
• 3 frameworks for Strategic Industries Division (in respect to energy)
  o Office structure
    ▪ DBEDT Strategic Industries Division Energy Program
    ▪ Besides Energy, also focus on technology based economic development
    ▪ Is structure in alignment with the responsibilities of the division?
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- Effectiveness and leadership are important elements to keep in mind
  - Personnel
    - Amount of staff is inadequate to address the workload from all of the programs
    - Internal challenge – the division possibly affected by retirements in the next five years
    - Many programs to support: Governor’s Energy for Tomorrow program; Biofuels Masterplan; LEED by Example; Renewable Hydrogen, etc.
    - Significant federal obligations, running on competitive department of energy grants
    - Leg hasn’t given enough funding given the scope of work for all the programs, and no additional staff
    - 2006/2007 net loss of one FTE
    - Have 24 FTE -19 of which are devoted to energy. Only 5 of 19 are funded by state, others funded by federal money. 7 out of 24 will soon be eligible for retirement.
  - Finances
    - Fund for energy program meant as restitution funds, which states can use to carry out energy programs, and are not intended to last forever.
    - At current expenditure rate, funds may last only 4 or 5 more years.
    - There is a diminishing ability to rely on federal funds
    - Need to find alternative funding to support programs at current levels
    - Programs funded by federal authorizations
      - Hawaii Energy Strategy
      - Ethanol program
      - Renewable Energy program

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- LEED
- Rebuild Hawaii

• Hawaii Energy Strategy
  o Not ready yet
  o Attention that they hoped to put on it was diverted by an unexpectedly intense legislative session
  o High expectations – working with Rocky Mountain Institute to ensure the first public document (draft), meets expectations
  o May take one or more month more

• 2007 Legislature
  o Many initiatives created
  o Global Warming Solutions Act 2007
  o HB1003 – tasks DBEDT to come up with a Biofuels Masterplan
  o SER164 – Investigate one stop permitting for renewable energy
  o BlueEarth Biofuels

Bill Parks Update

• Outer islands are planning energy summits in November and February
• August 20 will have an energy briefing featuring speakers from the Department of Commerce and Department of Energy
  o Topic: How do you get renewables into the marketplace? What are the barriers?

Report from the Steering Committee

• Working Retreat on May 19
• Summary of Evaluations
  o 8 responses
  o Sections included: mission/vision, 10 point plan, membership, outreach and participation
  o Most of the responses focused on the 10 point plan
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- Took all responses into consideration and revised the plan
- Consolidated points 2 & 3, as well as points 4 & 5
- Added Greenhouse Gas and outreach points

- Mission Statement
  - By consensus, adopted

- 10 point Plan and new preamble
  - WG chairs to develop action plans based on the changed points, and will present at the August 15 meeting
  - By consensus, adopted

- Organizational Structure
  - New Working Group for Greenhouse Gas Emissions Control
    - Mike to chair
    - If anyone is interested in co-chairing, please let him know
    - 7 Working Groups total, please participate

- Congressional Delegation as Ex-officio members
  - No opposition to their inclusion as ex-officio
  - Question: What is formal interface with legislature?
    - Working Groups come up with proposals, and steering committee takes it forward to the legislature. Legislators should know to contact steering committee members directly.

- HEPF.org site
  - Trying to use this to vet all proposals
  - This way entire membership can participate

- Summary of Budget
  - Handout was given

**Report from Working Group: Regulatory Reform Action Plan**

- Done according to a template: goal, background, desired outcomes, indicators/metrics, actions
- Combined Point 4 and 5 from 10 point plan into a new Point 5
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• 2 goals
  o Ensure policies, laws, and regulations are consistent in promoting energy efficiency and renewable resources
  o Promote policies, reforms and resources to support PUC and DCA in progressive and aggressive efforts to protect the public’s interest and implement sound energy strategy.

• 3 main objectives
  o Improve county and state regulations to enable and promote energy efficiency and renewable energy resources
  o Provide for adequate financial and staff resources for PUC and DCA
  o Develop awareness of the importance of implementing progressive energy policy

• Long-term vision is to develop core staff and strengthen with institutional knowledge

• Question: Indicators are kind of broad, can they be more specific?

Response to DBEDT Presentation

• Might be beneficial to think programmatically
  o Money is there to start, it will be clear what staff support is needed once the program goes into motion

• Need to follow up with Maurice, if he would like a cursory assessment done by HEPF on programs and staff

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• Have contacted Mayors’ offices
• Working closely with Maria Tome from DBEDT
• Putting working group together in the next month

Next Meeting August 15, 2007 at the Capitol from 10 – 1:30 pm

Energy Briefing on August 20, 2007 at the HEI Training Room, 11:30-1:30 pm

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