

2019 Joint Government Water Conference

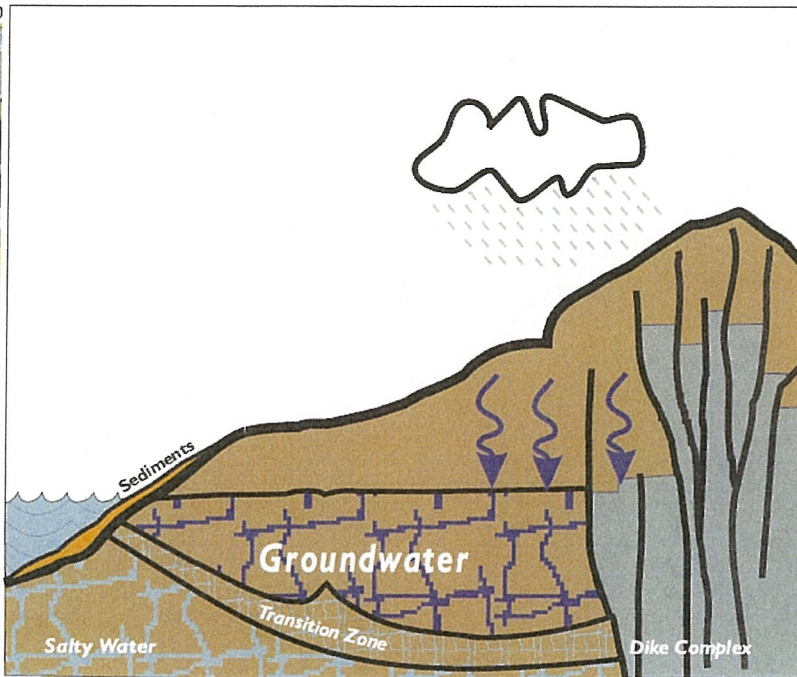
Kauai Beach Resort

Lihue, Hawaii

August 6, 2019

7:30am - 3:45pm

"GETTING THE WORD OUT ABOUT HAWAII'S WATER QUALITY"



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2019 - 5th Joint Government Water Conference
“Getting the Word Out About Hawaii’s Water Quality”
Kauai Beach Resort Hotel, Lihue, Kauai
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Water Quality and Wastewater Professional(s):

The Department of Health (DOH) Environmental Health Administration (EHA) offices/branches invite you to register for the 5th Joint Government Water Conference. The Conference is intended to provide water industry personnel, government agencies, and other water-related organizations with an update of outreach and education activities being conducted in the State of Hawaii by the various DOH EHA offices/branches and other water related agencies. These presentations will identify activities and how various agencies promote outreach and education to the public and stakeholders on issues and concerns regarding our water quality. This conference will also allow participants to keep abreast of the activities of the water-related government agencies, meet our staff and other water system personnel, ask questions and provide us with feedback, and learn what is in store for the water quality and wastewater industry in the coming years. We look forward to your attendance at our 5th Joint Government Water Conference.

Note: You must pre-register for this conference by Friday, July 26, 2019 (new deadline as of Monday, July 15, 2019). Registration is limited and will not be accepted on the date of the conference. Priority will be given to people working professionally in water quality (groundwater, drinking water & wastewater) and government environmental protection personnel. A meal will be served as an integral part of the Conference.

Register Online at: <http://events.egov.com/eventreg/HI/event.htm?name=5thjointgovernmentwaterconferencekauai>

TENTATIVE AGENDA (as of 8/2/2019)		
7:30am	Registration	
8:00am	<i>Opening Remarks and Introduction</i>	<i>Joanna Seto, DOH Safe Drinking Water Branch</i>
8:10am	<i>Water Quality Plan Update</i>	<i>Daniel Chang, DOH Safe Drinking Water Branch</i>
8:40am	<i>Water Industry Notification Requirements for Chemical Spills and Releases – America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018; Section 2018</i>	<i>Liz Galvez, DOH Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office</i>
9:00am	<i>Pesticides – Act 45 (Session Laws Hawaii 2018) Pesticides Use Reporting Requirements</i>	<i>Emilee Wedekind-Balualua, DOA Pesticides Branch</i>
9:30am	<i>Clean Water Branch Education & Outreach and Non-Point Source (NPS) 5-Year Plan Update</i>	<i>Michael Burke and Darcey Iwashita, DOH Clean Water Branch, Polluted Runoff Control Section</i>
10:00am	Networking Break	
10:15am	<i>SDWB Panel (Drinking Water/Groundwater, Source Water, etc.)</i>	<i>SDWB/County Water Departments</i>
10:45am	<i>Water Environment Education, PART 1</i>	<i>Jonell Kaohelaui`i and Jason Fujinaka, Project Water Education for Teachers (WET)</i>
11:15am	<i>Groundwater/Source Water Protection from Agricultural Activities Through the Farm Bill</i>	<i>Susan Kubo, United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDS-NRCS)</i>
11:45am	<i>LUNCH: Lunch Speaker Introduce Topics for Afternoon Group Discussion</i>	<i>Session Moderator</i>
1:00pm	<i>GROUP DISCUSSIONS: Long-Range Education and Outreach Planning for:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cesspool Upgrades and Water Reuse • Groundwater/Source Water Protection. 	<i>All Attendees (breakout into two groups)</i>
2:15pm	<i>GROUP PLAN PRESENTATIONS</i>	
2:45pm	<i>Water Environment Education, PART 2</i>	<i>Jonell Kaohelaui`i and Jason Fujinaka, Project WET</i>
3:15pm	<i>Native Oysters for Water Quality Improvement</i>	<i>Marian Phillipson, Waterkeepers Hawaiian Islands</i>
3:45pm	Wrap-up	

For more information, contact the Safe Drinking Water Branch at (808) 586-4258.

We provide access to our activities without regard to race, color, national origin (including language), age, sex, religion, or disability. Write or call our Affirmative Action Officer at Box 3378, Honolulu, HI 96801-3378 or at (808) 586-4616 (voice) within 180 days of a problem.

2019 WATER QUALITY PLAN UPDATE

Daniel Chang

Safe Drinking Water Branch

Hawaii Department of Health

Biography

Daniel Chang is an Environmental Health Specialist with the Hawaii Department of Health's Safe Drinking Water Branch. He has over 30 years of experience in hazardous waste, groundwater and drinking water quality and protection programs. Mr. Chang received his bachelor's degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, majoring in Chemistry. His duties and responsibilities at the Safe Drinking Water Branch include: oversight/supervision of the Monitoring & Analysis Section and the Groundwater Protection Program. He also provides guidance/assistance to the Wellhead/Source Water Assessment and Protection Program.

Abstract

In 2019, the Hawaii Department of Health completed its update of the Water Quality Plan. The Water Quality Plan summarizes the work that the Departments Water Quality Programs perform and help point the way forward to finding even better ways to protect and improve Hawai'i's public health, water resources and the environment.

This presentation will provide an overview of the department's Water Quality Programs, as well as, identify activities and priorities that are moving our programs forward.

Liz Galvez

Dept. of Health, Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office

Biography

Liz is a supervisor with the Emergency Preparedness and Response Section.

Abstract

The Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response Office, also known as HEER, will be giving the next presentation. HEER implements the Hawaii Environmental Response Law, the Hawaii State Contingency Plan and the Hawaii Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-know Act.

Owners or Operators of facilities or vessels that release a hazardous substance (chemical and oil) into the environment above the reportable quantity are subject to State notification requirements. Notification is made to HEER.

For Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know, facilities having chemicals above Threshold Planning Quantities must notify the State and their local fire department.

Liz, Adam, Terry, Ed – State On-Scene Coordinators as well as Sharon, the HEPCRA Coordinator, collectively have been with HEER for over a century. As State On-Scene Coordinators, they participate in oil-spills drills/exercises, conduct site visit/inspections, get annual medical monitoring, and respond with local first responders. They also coordinate responses with other State, Federal agencies as well as industry and the public.

POLLUTED RUNOFF CONTROL OUTREACH & EDUCATION
Michael T. Burke, Clean Water Branch – Polluted Runoff
Control Program, Hawaii Department of Health

Biography

Michael T. Burke is the Program Specialist in the Department of Health's Clean Water Branch, Polluted Runoff Control (PRC) Program. He's been with PRC for over ten years and supervisor for the past four. Prior to joining PRC, Mike previously worked for the Department of the Attorney General, Hilo Hattie's corporate office, and local tech startup Hoku Scientific. These various employment experiences helped Mike develop extensive contracting, project management, and procurement skills. Mike grew up in Wai'anae and graduated from Hawaii Baptist Academy. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Loyola Marymount University and earned a Juris Doctor from Loyola Law School, in Los Angeles, California.

Abstract

The PRC Program is funded by federal grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Act Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Management Program. Grant conditions require an outreach and education component. This short presentation will discuss the evolution of PRC's outreach and education endeavors over the past ten years, along with briefly demonstrating current Clean Water Branch outreach and education efforts in its Monitoring and Permit sections.

Jonell S.T. Kaohelauiii
Information and Education Specialist & Project Water Education for
Teachers (WET) Hawaii State Coordinator, Department of Water,
County of Kauai

Biography

Jonell S.T. Kaohelauiii is the Information and Education Specialist at the Department of Water, County of Kauai and the State Coordinator for Project WET Hawaii. She has over 15 years of experience as a marketing and communications professional and delivers a “customer first” approach to achieve effective public relations and community outreach programs for Kauai’s Department of Water. As the Project WET Hawaii state coordinator, she oversees a network of facilitators; providing resources and certified training of the award-winning Project WET curriculum. Jonell endorses the Project WET foundation because of its educational contributions towards Hawai’i’s sustainable water future.

Abstract

Community outreach and water education programs helps to provide transparency between customers and the importance of the water services we provide. Project WET Hawai’i and its award-winning curriculum provides a hands-on approach to water education by demonstrating advanced water issues using easy-to-conduct activities. The activity demonstration and application can be adapted for any age group and is a popular way for agencies to start the conversation about today’s water issues.

In Part I of this presentation, attendees will learn about the advantages of being a part of the Project WET Hawai’i network, the importance of the water education curriculum in schools, see examples of how other agencies are using project wet and learn how the Project WET curriculum can be applied at the business level for community outreach efforts.

In Part II, attendees will get to experience a live Project WET activity! This demonstration of the Project WET curriculum will cover water services, source, storage and transmission and provide a realistic view of the importance of our water system operations and infrastructure in today’s world.

April Matsumura
Department of Health, Wastewater Branch

Biography

April Matsumura works as an environmental engineer in the Wastewater Branch Recycled Water Program. Prior to that, she worked for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund; the Clean Air Branch; and the Pearl Harbor Nuclear Division.

Abstract

There is a need to perform outreach for cesspool upgrades and to educate and promote Water Reuse in the State of Hawaii. The Department of Health, Wastewater Branch will facilitate a discussion to identify the resources that would be needed to perform the long-range education and outreach planning for Cesspool Upgrade and Water Reuse.

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CONFERENCE EVALUATION FORM

1. How much experience do you have working in water industry program areas?

___ 0-1 years ___ 2-5 years ___ 5-10 years ___ 10-20 years ___ 20+ years

2. Which water industry area(s) do you work in? (Check all that are applicable)

___ Drinking Water	___ Wastewater	___ Water Quality
___ Water Resources	___ Water Protection	___ Watershed
___ Other (specify): _____		___ Management

3. How would you rate the overall conference?

___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Adequate ___ Poor

4. What did you like about the conference? _____

5. What did you dislike about the conference? _____

6. How do you rate the presentation of technical information (was it presented in an understandable and interesting manner)?

___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Adequate ___ Poor

(PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS ON BACK)

7. Did this conference meet your expectation?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Comments: _____

8. Have you attended any of the previous Joint Government Water Conference(s)?

☐ YES

☐ NO

If YES, would you rate this conference as: BETTER WORST

9. In the future, would you attend this type of conference again? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Comments: _____

10. Are there aspects of the conference that you believe should have greater (or less) emphasis?

11. Do you have any suggestions on how the training could be improved?

12. Do you have any suggestions for topics for future conference(s)?

Thank you for attending the 2019 Joint Water Conference and for completing this evaluation form. Your comments will help us to better plan future conferences.

OPTIONAL:

Name: _____