

CESSPOOL CONVERSION WORKING GROUP (CCWG)

Main Group - Meeting Minutes

Date: June 21st, 2019

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Location: DOH Kinau Hale Rm 205 (2nd Floor)

Members Present:

Sina Pruder (SP)
Erica Perez (EP)
Ted Bohlen (TB)
Darren Lerner (DL)
Ken Hiraki (KH)
Representative Nicole Lowen (NL)
Will Kucharski (BK)
Eric Nakagawa (EN)
Lori Kahikina (LK)
David Albright (DA)

Members Not Present:

Bruce Anderson
Senator Kalani English
Jason Kagimoto
Stuart Coleman
Kawika Winter
Lani Fernandez

Presenters:

Michael Mezzacapo

Facilitation Support:

Christin Reynolds
Kayla Saunders

Meeting Summary

A. Call to Order by TB at 9:05am

B. Approval of January 18th and March 28th meeting minutes

- a. January minutes:
 - i. KH moves to approve
 - ii. EN and TB second
 - iii. All say “aye”, no opposition or abstentions
- b. March minutes:
 - i. EP moves to approve
 - ii. DL seconds
 - iii. All say “aye,” no oppositions or abstentions
- c. Future formatting: TB suggests a summarized version to include actions taken by the board versus a detailed version of the minutes; using names only for the voting portion of the agenda items.
 - i. KH agrees

C. Overview of CCWG schedule

- a. Schedule to have everything complete by 2021
- b. Additional time is available in order to make adjustments
- c. Next year (2020) is the main time frame of work for the Financial and Technology scopes
- d. Sub-groups to guide and work with contractors

- e. Suggestion to adjust to quarterly meetings (but can be flexible as needed) for main group
 - i. Plan to meet immediately upon contractor decision
 - ii. Subgroups to do “deep-dive” with contractors in the beginning, middle, and end
 - 1. Estimated Jan/Feb 2020 for start of work
 - iii. Meetings driven by deliverables
- f. Conversion plan once feedback is received from consultants (end of 2020/beginning of 2021)
- g. Proposal to establish an outreach subgroup: to create an outreach plan, advise next steps in engaging community, get an assessment of community understanding overtime, and increase buy-in from communities that are going to be affected
 - i. Vote to create a new subgroup for outreach:
 - 1. Suggestion to distribute information on idea and vote next time
 - 2. DL and MM to create document in support of developing this subgroup and distributing to main group for later vote

D. Update on RFP process

- a. Two technology and three financial proposals received
- b. Review in process
- c. Discussion/Questions:
 - i. EP: How is that reviewed?
 - 1. CR: Because some folks cannot vote on budget and RFPs, it is left to DOH to vote (following guidance by what was outlined in the RFPs)

E. Data and Prioritization Update by MM

- a. Creating a report of other state’s plans and focusing on six case studies (Rhode Island, Suffolk County (NY), Delaware, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey)
 - i. This report to include:
 - 1. Enforcement pieces and methods for determining prioritization
 - 2. Nutrient reduction science
 - 3. Conversion technology
 - 4. Approval process for adding new technology to suite of systems
 - 5. Conventional methods
 - 6. Sewer requirements
 - 7. Advanced nitrogen removal methods
 - 8. Timeline that the area chose (if they had one) and the method they chose
 - 9. Brief summary of funding mechanisms (loans, grants, etc.)
 - 10. Bulleted key items at end of each case study
 - ii. Submitting to subcommittee group in 1-2 weeks for review, editing, and approval

- iii. Final report to be completed in 1-2 months
- b. Idea of note for Hawaii to adopt: NY had a great branding program called “Reclaim Our Water” that was easily accessible to the public

F. Act 125 / UH Survey of Hawaii’s Coastal Reefs Update

- a. Shows impact of cesspools on coastal reefs
- b. Suggestion to bring Cilia Smith to future meeting to present to main group about her research (possibly October/November 2019 timeframe)

G. Status of Legislature Bill HB551

- a. HB551 extends the submittal of the reports for the interim and final by two years; also extends the lapsing funds for two fiscal years
- b. It is on the Governor’s desk now for signature
- c. The new lapse date for the funds that were appropriated for previous years will be June 20, 2021, and if additional funds are needed, you must request
- d. Dates changed for the final report – now due 60 days versus 20 (so sometime in October); NL to check on interim

H. Questions and Comments

- a. NL mentions research from NOAA evaluating coastal resilience and coral reefs – the research is thorough enough that it is being used to write parametric insurance policies – sending link to group

I. Adjournment by TB at 10:25am