

CESSPOOL CONVERSION WORKING GROUP (CCWG)

Main Group - Meeting Agenda

Date: October 19, 2021

Time: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Location: Webinar

Call in Details: Join Zoom Meeting
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Members Present:

Sina Pruder (SP)
Ted Bohlen (TB)
Mike Mezzacapo (MM)
Darren Lerner (DL)
Erica Perez (EP)
Eric Nakagawa (EN)
Dave Smith (DS)
Ken Hiraki (KH)
Stuart Coleman (SC)
Ramzi Mansour (RM)

Members Not Present:

Wesley Yokoyama (WY)
Elizabeth Char (EC)
Lani Fernandez (LF)
Troy Tanigawa (TT)
Rep. Nicole Lowen (NL)

Facilitation Support:

Christin Reynolds (CR)

AGENDA

- A. Call to order by TB 12:35pm
- B. Approval of July 29th meeting minutes
 - a. TB motioned to approve minutes as amended
 - i. SP seconds the motion
 - ii. All approval
 - iii. No opposition
- C. Discuss the status of the 2021 Hawaii Cesspool Hazard Assessment & Prioritization Tool Report lead by MM
 - a. UH team presented the results and key findings of Data & Prioritization work
 - i. The purpose of this work was to re-evaluate the 2017 prioritization report that initially went out.
 - b. The study identifies high medium and low prioritizations of cesspools

- i. Discussion of the breakpoints for the different groups, the study ultimately used quartiles as natural dividers for the different groups of cesspools.
 - ii. Discussion of reframing the classifications to Priority 1, Priority 2 and Priority 3, because all areas are high priorities, nothing is “low” as all cesspools have impacts.
 - c. Discussion followed the presentation about a variety of topics
 - i. Question about being able to identify properties by TMK in the mapping tool. Yes, it is something that can be seen on the public viewer online. You can search for your property by address or TMK.
 - ii. Question about the data source for the cesspool inventory data. Started with Whittier and El-Kadi 2009-2014 and then updated and sorted the data by cross-referencing with wastewater data and County property tax dwelling database as well as some manual editing to update the inventory. 82,141 cesspools was the updated inventory count, noting that the data isn’t perfect, but it is based on the best available data. The updated data excluded Molokai which was listed as having approximately 6000 cesspools in the 2017 inventory.
 - iii. Can now align priority areas with financial and affordability data using the census tracts and use that to potentially find funding for conversion.
 - iv. Question about identifying areas that could be expanded sewerred areas based on their proximity and density. This is something that the team could do in the future but wasn’t in this scope.
- D. Discuss status of the Interim Report to the Legislature**
 - a. CR presented brief update on 2021 interim report to legislature separate from the final cesspool conversion plan. It will be a progress report with summaries from the various studies and reports thus far.
 - b. Are there any legislative initiatives are on the table this year to continue to progress towards cesspool conversions ahead of the final report?
 - c. Separate outreach subgroup separate from the main working group will discuss some pre-work around legislative initiatives and next meeting legislative initiatives will be discussed further.
 - d. Next meeting on November 16th at 1pm.
- E. Questions and Comments**
 - a. No further questions or comments
- F. Adjournment**
 - a. Meeting adjourned by TB at 1:36 PM