

## Watershed Working Group

May 13, 2015 8:30-10:00am

*Attendees:* **BECQ** –Steven Johnson, Clarissa Bearden, Ryan Okano, Robbie Greene, Becky Skeele; **NOAA** – Dana Okano, Steve McKagan; **NMC** – Gus Aguon, Jimmy Blancia, Alfredo DeTorres; **CNMI Forestry** – Jason Tenorio, Frank Ada; **Mayor’s Office of Saipan** – Mac Chargualaf; **DPW** – Greg Reyes; **DPL** – Patricia Rasa, Pete A. Tenorio

*Dates to Remember:*

- **May 19-22, 2015: Pacific Islands Watershed Institute**

*Watershed Working Group Meetings: 8:30-10am at BECQ*

- **August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015**
- **November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

*Meeting Notes:*

- I. Opening and introductions
- II. Garapan CAP Review
  - a. Three documents were produced with the outcomes of the Garapan CAP meeting and are out for review. Comments are due to [kaitlinmattos@deq.gov.mp](mailto:kaitlinmattos@deq.gov.mp) by June 10<sup>th</sup> and will be integrated into the final version of the Garapan CAP.
  - b. Meeting Notes – General information on what happened at the meeting for anyone who was not able to attend. If anything was missed, you can still submit comments for this document to be included by June 10<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Update Report – Draft of all updates to the Garapan CAP that were proposed at the meeting. These updates will go into the final 2015 update of the Garapan CAP. Comments are welcome until June 10<sup>th</sup> that will be integrated into the final version which will go back out for final review and approval before being published.
  - d. Strategic Action Activity Notes – The final activity at the CAP involved filling in these worksheets which were collected in March and handed back at this meeting. Each group listed priority actions for their agency and has started following up on the priorities since the meeting.
  - e. Discussion:
    - i. We still need to find a way to monitor some of the terrestrial indicators. The USFS is conducting a forest inventory (report is 3-5 years out) but some Garapan sites may be included in their data. (Dana and Frank Ada can follow up for us.)
    - ii. Add schedules, estimated costs and potential funding sources (federal)
    - iii. Need for growth planning (discuss it in the CAP)
- III. Project updates:
  - a. Mayor’s Office: The spay/neuter program is starting May 18-23 and May 26-29.

- b. DPL: there is concern about the Dandan intersection flooding. Land is available but funding (federal sources?) is needed. CUC lift station and outfall concerns need to be added to the CAP (included in strategies).
- c. NOAA: There is a draft plan released to respond to oil spills. Reef resilience report is coming out for review.
- d. BECQ – MMT: temperature loggers have been deployed on the reef to look at some of the temperature changes during bleaching events. An update to the Micronesian Challenge progress paper will be out in 1-2 months. Steven will distribute it when it comes out.
- e. BECQ – Outreach: a census was just completed of MIHAville to design some new activities to target watershed residents
- f. DPL: Looking at requiring greenspace for future developers but need recommendations for types of space/plants (BECQ has a native plant guide – Pat and Jihan will work on this. Dana can connect Pat with Horsley Witten Group contractors for information on how much greenspace.)
- g. DPW is investigating the potential of putting new transfer stations in Koblerville and Kagman
- h. NRCS: EQIP is active in Tanapag connecting landowners with funds for dry litter piggeries thanks to a partnership with BECQ. Over \$1M in contracts have been issued this year. Rural development (USDA office) may be able to address Tanapag cemetery problem, but spring is no longer used as drinking water because of EPA requirements.
- i. ENRO: Request for more training/information on research management. New programs developed as part of the adopt-a-high school and community program include: Intro to NRM, Coral Reef Ecology, Environmental Analysis and Ideas. A bachelor's program is being explored as well.
- j. Talakhaya CAP: Successful review meeting in April, will follow a same revision process as Garapan, draft to be released this summer.

IV. Next meeting: August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- a. Speaker recommendations:
  - i. Socioeconomic data from Laolao and Rota (MINA)
  - ii. Tim Brasuell: Garapan Project (c. 2000)
  - iii. NMC Crees
  - iv. DPW: sand getting into pipe
  - v. CUC: once FOG program is up and running