

Watershed Working Group

February 17, 2016

8:30-10:00am

BECQ Conference Room

Attendees: **BECQ** - Jihan Buniag, Erin Derrington, Lyza Johnston, Avra Heller, Rodney Camacho, Katie Graziano;
Office of the Mayor – Mac Chargalaf

Dates to Remember:

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

- **May 18th, 2016**
- **August 17th, 2016**

Meeting Notes:

I. Opening and introductions

II. Project updates

- All present attendees were from BECQ, so limited time was spent on project updates. Most updates will be provided to a broader audience at the next WWG meeting.
- Garapan CAP update (Avra) – the CAP revision will be finalized and signed by the next WWG meeting.
- Discussion of grant applications
 - NFWF Coral Reef Conservation
<http://www.nfwf.org/coralreef/Pages/crcf2016rfp.aspx>
 - DOI Coral Reef Initiative Grant
 - Technical Assistance Program Grant – Dept. of Insular Affairs - Climate change projects, linking to watershed management and research (to be presented in more detail at next WWG meeting, see below) (Ariele Baker).

*III. Next meeting **May 18th, 2016**: Agenda*

a. Speaker:

- CNMI Reef Resilience work – Steve McKagan (NOAA)
 - Publication –
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0006320715300926>
 - Reports -
http://data.nodc.noaa.gov/coris/library/NOAA/CRCP/project/204/CNMI_Resilience_Maynard_et_al_CRCP_Tech_Memo_22.pdf

b. Updates:

- Roundtable updates from participants

- ii. Ariele Baker (arielebaker.becq@gmail.com) - update on CNMI Climate Change Resilience projects.
 - 1. Applying for Technical Assistance Program Grant under Dept. of Insular Affairs (\$500,000 is allotted to climate change projects)
- iii. Ryan and Dana Okano – Project in progress: *Influence of submarine groundwater discharge on biological communities in the lagoon*. Finished data collection last week; Will provide brief update at next WWG meeting.

Task:

Expand attendance of WWG meetings to get more involvement from different groups/agencies!