

## Watershed Working Group

October 17, 2023: 9–10am; DCRM Learning Center & via Zoom



### Attendees:

Zak Williams (DCRM), Arthur Charfauros (DCRM), Mary Fem Urena (DCRM), Rod Camacho (DCRM), Robbie Green (PCRP), Grany Tyler (PCRP), Jether Yobech (Kupu), John Paul Castro (Kupu), Richard Salas (DCRM), Elly Perez (DCRM), Kylie Hasegawa (JAMS), Nick Robie (DFW), Nate Van Ee (DFW), Tim Clark (NPS), Kelsey McClellan (NMC), Janice Castro (NOAA), Lyza Johnston (JAMS), Manuel Comacho (OPD), Avra Heller (EPA), Olivia Tenorio (DEQ)

### Dates to Remember:

- Next WWG Meeting
  - January 2024 [Date TBD]

### Speakers

[See PowerPoint slides linked via WWG page]

### Opening & introductions

<https://dcrm.gov.mp/our-programs/water-quality-and-watershed-management/watershed-working-group/>

#### I. Zachary Williams, *DCRM* | Geographer ([zwilliams@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:zwilliams@dcrm.gov.mp))

- Mangrove Nursery
  - Weathered the storm.
    - Shade cloth and signs taken down ahead of storm, minimal damage to structure, repaired and fully functional.
  - Stocked with mangroves and mangrove associates.
    - Assessing what species grow well in intertidal conditions.
- Achugao Watershed Management Plan (AWMP) & Saipan Fire Management Plan (SFMP)
  - Presenting to CNMI Planning & Development Advisory Council (PDAC) on Thursday, Oct. 19, 2023 for final review and adoption.
- Raingardens
  - Second raingarden installed on Tanapag Middle School campus (retrofitted existing ponding basin) with help from DCRM’s Summer Interns.
  - Work ongoing to retrofit ponding basin next to DPS Boating Safety Building at American Memorial Park into raingarden, including enhancing drainage off of nearby sidewalk into the raingarden.
- “Ocean Guardian Schools” on Tinian
  - Tinian Elementary School and Tinian High School awarded 8 000 for developing environmental curriculum via the NOAA Ocean Guardian Program.
    - Tinian Elementary School requesting native trees for campus planting.

#### II. Robbie Green, *PCRP* | Watershed Coordinator ([robbie.greene@pacificcrp.org](mailto:robbie.greene@pacificcrp.org))

- NOAA Priority Watershed Restoration

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- PCRP awarded funds to develop 3–4 projects within Achugao and/or Laolao Bay watersheds up to 50% design; and select 1–2 of those for further development, permitting, and implementation.
  - For this purpose, a “Saipan Watershed Restoration Priorities” was developed for stakeholder input, available online:



<https://pcrp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourcingPolling/index.html?appid=9328e41afd5347fdb5e51a364baec63a>

## Roundtable Discussion

Zachary Williams, *DCRM* | Watershed Coordinator

- Job Opportunity Guam Watershed Management Coordinator
  - Guam Department of Agriculture, Hagatna Guam
  - More info & apply <https://www.guamcoralreefs.info/opportunities/watershed-management-coordinator>
- Job Opportunity Marine Science Internship
  - National Park Service (War in the Pacific National Historic Park, Hagatna Guam
  - “This position will assist National Park Service personnel and staff with protecting and monitoring the marine environment.”
  - 633 weekly living allowance, plus travel
  - More info & apply <https://www.thesca.org/position/marine-science-intern-po-00732461>
- Job Opportunity Micronesia Challenge Young Champions Internship
  - CNMI, Guam, FSM, Marshall Islands, Palau
  - \$5,000 available for each intern
  - For more information, contact MC Regional Coordinator [Micronesia.challenge2030@gmail.com](mailto:Micronesia.challenge2030@gmail.com)
- Funding Opportunity EPA Region 9 Wetland Program Development Grant
  - \$50,000–500,000 (25% cost share)

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- “The goals of EPA s wetland program include increasing the quantity and quality of wetlands in the US by conserving and restoring wetland acreage and improving wetland condition...”
- Full application due Nov. 20, 2023
- More info & apply <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=350474>