Coping With Decreased Water Supplies

A Cross-Sector Dialogue Regarding Hawaii's Legal and Policy Options to Respond to Climate Change

The 2013 Hawaii Conservation Conference and the Natural Resource Law Section, Hawaii State Bar Association, is hosting a multidisciplinary panel composed of representatives of the utilities, government, NGOs, and academia, to discuss practices and legal and policy options for coping with decreased water supplies.

Wednesday, July 17, 2013, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Room 315, Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu

THIS PANEL IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC. HSBA ATTORNEYS who wish to receive VCLE credit must register electronically (SEE LINK) and sign in and out (there will be a sheet at the door) with your bar # on the day of the event. Two total CLE Units are available, two of which may be applied toward VCLE (No Ethics).

AGENDA:

I. Presentations and Panel Discussion.
   Moderator - Isaac Moriwake, Esq, Earth Justice

   A. Setting the stage; the climate assessments and trends for Hawaii
   Thomas Guiambeluca, PhD. Department of Geography, University of Hawaii

   B. Current strategies and examples; are we seeing results?
Barry Usagawa, Program Administrator at Honolulu Board of Water Supply

C. Do we have adequate law and policy in place?
William Tam, Deputy Director, Commission on Water Resource Management

D. What options might be fashioned to address decreased water supplies and what are the expected effects?
Richard Wallisgrove, Esq, Blue Planet

II. Panel Discussion

III. Audience Questions and Discussion

ABSTRACT:

This forum seeks to encourage cross-sector dialogue to promote effective developments in Hawaii's responses to climate change, and will specifically focus on current practices and legal and policy options for coping with decreased water supplies. The intent of the forum is to provide participants with information to consider legal and policy developments that would help Hawaii cope with climate change. Panelists are experienced leaders in the fields that contribute to water realities in Hawaii and are drawn from the fields of science, policy, law, and advocacy.

The panelists will set the context with a review of the climate assessment forecasts for Hawaii. They will then discuss the current planning efforts and measures to meet the future predicted conditions; the developing legal and policy options that could and ought to frame our future water policy; and the competition for decreased water supplies and decisions that affect Hawaii's vision for its future in developing agriculture and development patterns across the islands. Attendees will have an opportunity to engage with the panelists to frame the issues and possible responses.

This panel discussion is free to the public; however, other events hosted at the 2013 Hawaii Conservation Conference require registration. For more information, please visit the Hawaii Conservation Alliance website.
Reminder - Tuesday May 28, 2013 at 1HSBA Natural Resource Section Monthly Speaker Series:

*Measures that Passed the 27th Legislature and Will Affect Hawaii's Statewide Land Use and Planning System*

What: NRS Monthly Speaker Series: *Measures that Passed the 27th Legislature and Will Affect Hawaii's Statewide Land Use and Planning System*

When: Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: HSBA Conference Room (10th Floor, Alakea Corporate Tower, 1100 Alakea Street)

Who: Jesse K. Souki, Director, Office of Planning, State of Hawaii

Mr. Souki has advised and counseled public and private sector clients on projects related to residential mixed use, resorts, commercial and industrial, and public infrastructure development. His practice focuses on helping clients successfully navigate local, state, and federal policy and regulatory frameworks that affect land and ocean based development. He has served as Deputy Corporation Counsel to the Maui and Honolulu planning commissions and planning departments. As Director of the Office of Planning, his priorities include supporting the development of land and ocean based clean energy projects, climate change adaptation planning and implementation, and Smart
Growth planning and development through transit-oriented development.

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Hope to see you all soon!

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Climate Change Litigation and Policy in Hawaii

As part of the HSBA 2013 Bar Convention, the Natural Resources Section presents a seminar on climate change litigation and policy, with a focus on emerging laws, policies, and adaptive measures being adopted in Hawaii.

September 27, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Hilton Hawaiian Village, Mid Pacific Conference Center, Honolulu

Program Chair:
Richard Wallisgrove, Program Director, Blue Planet Foundation

Presenters:
Dr. Chip Fletcher, UH Mānoa, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology
Jesse Souki, Director, State of Hawaii Office of Planning
Prof. Maxine Burkett, UH Mānoa, William S. Richardson School of Law
Douglas Codiga, Schlack Ito LLLC

The presenters will cover the range of predicted climate change impacts to Hawaii's natural resources and infrastructure, as well as how climate change adaptation and
coastal resilience can be integrated into county, state, and federal laws. Presenters will also provide an overview of climate change litigation and discuss local government liability for failure to adapt to climate change, as well as state and federal government regulation of greenhouse gas emissions, including Hawaii's climate change law and pending administrative rules.

AGENDA:

I. Introduction and Overview  
*Richard Wallsgrove, Program Director, Blue Planet Foundation*

II. Climate Change Impacts  
*Dr. Chip Fletcher, UH Mānoa, SOEST*

III. Incorporating Adaptive Measures into Law  
*Director Jesse Souki, Office of Planning*

IV. Climate Adaptation Torts  
*Professor Maxine Burkett, UH WSRSL*

V. Hawaii's Climate Change Law  
Douglas Codiga, Schlack Ito LLC

VI. Conclusion

**Registration:** Please register via the web link below. Full-day and half-day registration are available for the 2013 HSBA Bar Convention. Three continuing legal education credits (2 MCPE, 1 VCLE) are available for this seminar. **Register online at:** [http://www.legalspan.com/hsba/catalog.asp?ItemID=20130805-299250-152434](http://www.legalspan.com/hsba/catalog.asp?ItemID=20130805-299250-152434).