

August 8th meeting on Climate Change and Sea Level Rise

Aloha,

It seems addressing potential problems related to climate change and sea level rise would be an extremely daunting task so I applaud you for hosting that conversation and for the foresight to address it now.

I don't envy the people who ultimately have to write the policies and legislation to protect our community from the inevitable sea level rise. But I do pray they are blessed with ideas for a whole and complete yet financially sustainable plan.

I have only a few suggestions...

I think the setback needs to be increased from 55' of shoreline to a safer distance as determined by the revised flood zone in any area.

I recommend a new law stating as of 2021 the county will not be accountable or responsible for supporting properties purchased and/or improved in excess of \$100k in a tsunami flood zone. Meaning our tax money shouldn't pay for a non-owner occupied ocean or beach front home that has been demolished and in its place built a multi-million dollar property.

Improvements to non-owner occupied properties will be paid for by special assessments i.e. paid for by the homeowner. Some of this cost can be tax deductible from HI State income taxes if they are HI residents.

Reimbursements, property tax benefits, repair, replace, or costs to relocate property or whatever the plan is - should not have to be paid by this community for any real estate that has not been owner occupied for the last 3 years.

We should create a schedule of importance which reflects the intention to care for our community member's homes first. I would rather see my taxes spent on relocating aunty who is the original owner of her ocean front home who has no where to go than Joe mainlander's vacation home next door.

I recommend all new coastal property purchases must now include additional language into the 'Standard Ocean Front Addendum' with information about any new legislation in a tsunami zone and that future benefits will not be available to non-owner occupied properties.

Again, I'm not sure what the relocating plan or reimbursement or improvements plan is for sea level rise flood zones is and I know there are many more questions than answers.

Like what obligation do we have to the hotels? And what about time share owners with deeded interests?

All of this will require a lot of time, thought, and certainly research. I appreciate your service.

Mahalo nui,

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