

HIOSH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Meeting

May 13, 2015 1:17 PM to 2:20 PM

Dole Cannery / 735 Iwilei Road / Piilani 3

Members Present:

Tristan Aldeguer (General Contractors Association), Robert Aquino (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), Lily Chu (Department of Human Resources Development), Jennifer Cynn (Local 5), Joaquin Diaz (American Society of Safety Engineers), Pane Maetoga, Jr. (Operating Engineers), Walter Medina (City and County of Honolulu), Jim Newberry (Veterans of Safety), Mike Redman (HEMIC)

DLIR Staff:

William Kunstman, Director's Office; Diantha Goo, HIOSH

Agenda	Discussion	Decision and/or Outcome
Call to Order	Welcome and Introduction Mr. Tristan Aldeguer welcomed members of the HIOSH Advisory Committee.	
Roll Call	Roll call was taken. A quorum was present.	
Minutes	A motion was made to approve the February 19, 2015 minutes.	February 19, 2015 minutes was approved.
Director's Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was discussion about how to promote and support HIOSH to maintain the State program. • Director is concerned about staffing and is looking into ways in which technology can be incorporated to help with operations. • Benchmark for inspections this year is 640. 	
Information From HIOSH to the HIOSH Advisory Committee		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HIOSH currently has the following vacancies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Four Safety positions, ○ One Consultation position, ○ One Consultation manager position. ○ One Health and one Safety position have been hired since the last HIOSH Advisory Committee meeting. ○ Last year, federal code of regulations got funding for additional safety and health positions. This year, HIOSH got funding for two support positions and one position to support Administrative and Technical Support Branch. ○ There was discussion about ways to maintain staffing levels and maintain the State program. • HIOSH is still 18b status until HIOSH can hold and stabilize its numbers. In the Spring, there will be an audit that will review numbers up through September 30. • OSHA criticisms were in efficiencies within the office and office functions. • It will take at least one year to regain 18e status, which has not been initiated yet and looks to begin on September 30. 	

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Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Aldeguer reported that the concept of a safety team similar to VPP is currently on hold. HIOSH expressed an interest but it has been put on hold. • Mr. Aldeguer reported that the committee met with Waipahu High School to discuss how to integrate a safety program into schools. Mr. Jim Newberry reported that there has not been much notice about participation in career days but would like to continue to reach out as such a partnership will benefit the community. It will get folks talking about safety issues on the job, as well as be used as a recruitment tool for HIOSH positions on the safety side where you do not need an advanced degree. 	
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Diantha Goo reported that the recent ladder fatality was an anomaly and because it was an unattended accident, HIOSH does not know exactly what happened. There was discussion about ladder safety standards and if they were going to change. There are no plans to enact a new safety standard based on this incident. There was discussion about whether HIOSH's brochure about ladder safety could be mailed out to those in the industry. Ms. Goo said there were not enough resources but it is always available on HIOSH's website and can be distributed from there. Mr. Joaquin Diaz reported that he will send comments about the ladder safety information on the HIOSH website to Ms. Goo. There was discussion about the need to emphasize training regarding ladder safety and make sure to mention the most recent fatality as part of training. • Mr. Aldeguer informed the group that the OSHA Hawaii Workshop was the largest in its history, with 560 registrants and 800+ inquiries about the program. The next conference will be held from May 2-4, 2016 at the Sheraton Waikiki. Mr. Aldeguer will seek whatever support it can from the HIOSH Advisory Committee. Daily rate for the next conference will be \$220. 	
Next Meeting		August 20, 2015, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., HIOSH Training Room 427

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Deirdre Yamasaki
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Mr. Tristan Aldeguer, Chair
HIOSH Advisory Committee