

LEODOLOFF (LEO) R. ASUNCION, JR., AICP

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Acting Director - Office of Planning, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, State of Hawai'i; March 2014 - present**

Responsible for the management, budgeting, human resources, and oversight of the Office of Planning while retaining position and responsibilities of the Manager of the Hawai'i Coastal Zone Management Program. Responsible for overall development of policies, execution of studies and reports generated by all divisions of the Office.

- Represents the Office before the State Legislature and Executive Branch agencies, Federal and County agencies, communities, and the public.
- Completed report on Alternative Funding Mechanisms for Acquisition, Improvement and Maintenance of Shoreline Public Access
- Assisted in the completion of a Hawai'i Natural Disaster Economic Recovery Strategy
- Oversight of the State's efforts in Transit Oriented Development
- Overall coordination of the annual Hawai'i Congress of Planning Officials (HCPO) 2015 Conference
- Preparation of a number of proposals for federal grant awards
- Oversight on procurement and contracting of the Office
- Oversight and coordination of all office administrative functions, including electronic logs and databases, document tracking systems, and electronic financial systems

Planning Program Manager - Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Program; June 2011 – present

Responsible for management, budgeting, human resources, and implementation of the State's Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program. Responsible for developing background information and policies affecting Hawai'i's Coastal Zone Management Area. Oversight on the Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan, Coastal Non-Point Pollution Control Program, and other planning, socio-economic, and environmental aspects of the Program.

- Completion of the Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Update ahead of time and under budget
- Oversight of establishing a National Estuary Research Reserve in Hawai'i, including development of a management plan for the site
- Completion of the CZM Program's Strategic Plan for 2016-2020, as required by NOAA
- Oversight on procurement and contracting of the CZM Program
- Oversight and coordination of all program administrative functions, including electronic logs and databases, document tracking systems, and electronic financial systems

Sr. Regulatory Analyst - Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; April 2009 – June 2011

Responsible for implementing policies relating to regulatory affairs, and providing substantive direction for the development, preparation, submission, presentation, and execution of significant investigations and other major regulatory matters before the Hawai'i Public Utilities Commission.

- Reviewed and prepared applications, written testimonies, and other regulatory documents consistent with Company policy, Hawai'i regulatory law, and regulatory decisions
- Assisted in the development, interpretation, and administration of the Company's Tariffs and Rules.
- Completed development of a new framework for Integrated Resource Planning in the State of Hawai'i
- Completed various PUC dockets on pilot time-of-use rates, demand management programs, smart grid initiatives, and tariffs governing the interconnection of photovoltaic systems to the grid

Sr. Resource Planning Analyst - Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.; August 2005 – April 2009

Responsible for management and coordination of the Integrated Resource Planning (IRP) process for subsidiary Maui Electric Co, Ltd., including development of 20-year long-range and 5-year action plans that meet customer needs, corporate/shareholder goals, and regulatory reporting requirements.

- Coordinated approximately 8 to 10 intra-company and inter-subsidary IRP team members/groups, and outside consultants
- Assisted in the planning and execution of public Advisory Group and stakeholder meetings
- Developed and completed major update of Maui Electric Co., Ltd's Integrated Resource Plan within target completion date and estimated budget
- Analyzed, recommended, and implemented as necessary, new or improved planning techniques, processes, procedures, and/or methodologies to increase process efficiency, and cost/process timing reductions
- Performed analysis of new strategic opportunities and definition of impacts upon the company's long term planning and regulatory activities

Project Planner/Manager - SSFM International, Inc.; February 2002 – July 2005

Responsible for planning, permitting, environmental impact assessments and statements, and overall project management for diverse projects worked upon by the company.

- Successful management and implementation of planning, engineering, construction and renovation projects totaling over \$25 million for various clients (Federal, State, and County agencies, and private entities) in Hawai'i, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan), and the Republic of Palau.
- Authored and managed various State and Federal environmental impact statements, environmental assessments, planning reports, and related documents.
- Performed technical (qualitative and quantitative) planning analysis for various projects.

**Planner - Planning and Program Evaluation Division, Hawaii State Judiciary;
October 1998 – January 2002**

Responsible for providing planning and program evaluation support to the Office of the Administrative Director, various court jurisdictions (judges and administrators), and affiliated governmental agencies.

- Staffed and performed research for Judiciary committees examining various topics related to judicial administration, including changes to the operational administration of the Judiciary.
- Successfully updated the Statewide Judiciary Security Plan in coordination with employees, judges, administrative directors, and stakeholders; developed and implemented operational and facility renovation recommendations.
- Managed annual reviews and periodic updates of contracts and agreements between the Judiciary and the State Department of Public Safety, including private vendors for provision of materials and services.

Staff Planner - State Land Use Commission, Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, State of Hawaii; January 1992 – October 1998

Responsible for providing planning and policy evaluation support to the members of the State Land Use Commission.

- Reviewed and performed research of boundary amendment petitions, special permit applications, county land use applications, environmental impact statements, and other related documents to assist Land Use Commissioners in its quasi-judicial decision making process.
- Performed policy research and analysis on land use, infrastructure, utility, and planning related activities in Hawai'i.
- Reviewed and completed major amendments of the Commission's administrative rules.

EDUCATION

Hawai'i Pacific University – Master of Business Administration degree (With Distinction), [REDACTED]

University of Hawai'i – Manoa – Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree, [REDACTED]

University of Hawai'i – Manoa – Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science, [REDACTED]

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/AWARDS

Coastal States Organization, June 2011 – present (Vice Chair – October 2014-September 2016)

American Institute of Certified Planners, July 1994 – present

American Planning Association, National and Hawai'i Chapter, September 1988 – present

Hawai'i Pacific University Alumni Global Network, 2008 – present

University of Hawaii Alumni Association Life Member, 1992 – present

American Planning Association – Hawaii Chapter Outstanding Service to Chapter Award - 2001

Department of Urban and Regional Planning AICP Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year – 1991

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Partnerships in Coastal Management, Association of Climate Change Officers, Washington, D.C., April 2015

Hawai'i's Aloha+ Challenge, American Planning Association National Conference, Seattle, April 2015

Hawai'i Ocean Resource Management, Restore America's Estuaries Conference, Washington, D.C., Nov. 2014

Ocean of Partnerships, Hawai'i Conservation Conference, July 2014

Hawai'i's Coastal Area Regulatory Framework, Coastal Land and Regulation Seminar, Honolulu, July 2014

Climate Change Adaptation Through Statewide Collaboration, American Planning Association National Conference, Atlanta, April 2014

CZM Federal Consistency Review, State DOT Airport Environmental Planning Workshop, Honolulu, September 2013

Coastal Management in Hawai'i, Hanauma Bay Lecture Series, Honolulu, February 2013

Invited Guest Lecturer, Various courses at William S. Richardson School of Law; Departments of Urban and Regional Planning, and Natural Resource and Environmental Management, University of Hawai'i -Manoa and University of Hawai'i -Hilo, 2012 – present