



Coastal Resilience Meeting

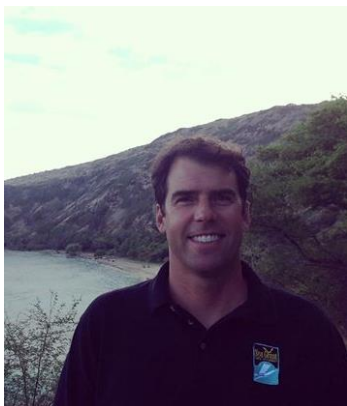
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James Buika has served as the Coastal Resource Planner for the County of Maui, Department of Planning, for the past 10 years. His responsibilities include managing development along the shoreline of Maui County with respect to the Coastal Zone Management Act. James is also an experienced disaster manager. While with FEMA Region IX in San Francisco for 13 years, he was the Regional Earthquake Specialist and managed federal disaster mitigation teams for typhoons, hurricanes, floods, and earthquakes in California, American Samoa and Micronesia. In addition, he was an Executive Manager for the Pacific Disaster Center, Maui, for five years, managing disaster risk reduction projects for Pacific Islands and Asia. James holds a M.S. in Geology from the University of Southern California.