

## Scott Glenn, A.I.C.P.

**Current Position**  
OEQC Director

**Discipline Areas**

- > Environmental Policy
- > Climate Change Policy
- > Environmental Impact Assessment
- > Sustainability
- > Project Management

**Education**

2000 / B.A. / Philosophy and Classical Archaeology / University of Evansville

2009 / MURP / Urban and Regional Planning / University of Hawai'i

**Professional Registrations**

2012 / American Institute of Certified Planners

**Professional Affiliations**

American Planning Association, Hawai'i Chapter

**Additional Languages**

Japanese, partial fluency, reading and writing (JLPT Level 2, 2007)

Scott Glenn specializes in innovative consensus-oriented problem solving for difficult challenges, especially on the environment, climate change, and sustainability, that improves decision making and enhances public engagement. As Director of the Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC), Scott led the modernization of the state environmental review administrative rules, Hawai'i's involvement in national and international events on Hawai'i's commitment to the Paris Agreement, and key sustainability initiatives.

In October 2015, Governor David Ige appointed Scott to be Director of the OEQC. The OEQC administers Chapter 343, Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). The purpose of the EIS law is to "establish a system of environmental review which ensures that environmental concerns are given appropriate consideration in decision making along with economic and technical considerations" (HRS § 343-1). Additionally, the OEQC serves "the Governor in an advisory capacity on all matters relating to environmental quality control," as directed in HRS § 341-3.

As Director, he is also an *ex officio* member of the Environmental Council and the Plant and Animal Advisory Board. Governor Ige designated Scott to be the Co-Chair of the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative and liaison to the U.S. Climate Alliance. In this capacity, he works directly with environmental, climate change, energy, and sustainability appointees for governors across the U.S. and internationally.

At the OEQC, Scott leads a team of four staff, both professional and administrative, as well as supporting a 15-member advisory board. He advises decision makers at all levels of government on the state environmental review process and has initiated numerous projects to modernize the process. He is the project manager for updating the administrative rules, including being the primary drafter and developing an innovative and unprecedented public engagement process.

Prior to government, Scott worked in the private sector as a professional environmental planning consultant and volunteered on numerous boards.

In the private sector, he focused on the intersection of planning, asset management, and risk analysis in clients' strategic decision making. He was a project manager, business developer, and technical expert. Scott expanded the client base and generated more than \$1.3M in new business. He managed project budgets of about \$1M and held key roles on multiple multi-million-dollar projects for clients in the public and private sectors, from local to international. His projects involved developing innovative approaches to client challenges in executing policy, programs, planning, and projects that met standards that were defensible, auditable, and enhanced public involvement. During this time, he led a team of planners, environmental scientists, geospatial data analysts, graphic designers, and technical specialists.



### Selected OEQC Accomplishments and Experience

- Transformed the OEQC into a balanced, professional voice in environmental and development matters, including creating new branding, publication standards, and guidance material.
- Revitalized the Environmental Council into a balanced, value-added component of Hawaii's environmental governance. The Council membership represents a broad diversity of views respected by stakeholders on all sides. Members donated considerable time to understand the rulemaking process, develop the new rules, and host public information forums.
- Developed an extensive innovative approach to rulemaking that engaged the public in a meaningful dialogue to update the administrative rules. The extensive public outreach made clear to the public and stakeholders how the Council's thinking was evolving and the tradeoffs it was considering in improving the process while balancing the competing interests and tensions within the process. The approach included releasing four working drafts before an official draft to take to public hearing.
- Advanced Hawaii's interests in environment, renewable energy, climate change, and sustainability by working with other U.S. States and countries through the U.S. Climate Alliance and other international organizations to coordinate policy development and working around federal intransigence.
- Served as the Department of Health designee to the State Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission and as a member of the State Greenhouse Gas Sequestration Task Force.
- Co-led the Global Green Island Summit collaboration among Hawaii, Okinawa, Jeju, and Hainan governments on environmental, climate change, and sustainability matters, including planning the international conference and coordinating intergovernmental technical cooperation.
- Collaborated with cabinet members and agency staff on environmental issues and cross-sector issues, including assisting DLNR with revising its revocable permit process to improve transparency and timeliness of review; DOT and DLNR with shoreline erosion, beach protection, and coastal highway retreat issues; and coordinating with county sustainability/resilience coordinators for Honolulu, Maui, Hawaii, and Kauai.
- Updated OEQC data management and information made available to the public, including revamping *The Environmental Notice*, the biweekly bulletin of new EAs and EISs, updating the website with information presented in a clear and organized manner, and creating a new database of EAs and EISs that is searchable and filterable.
- Initiated an archival project with the University of Hawaii to digitize past environmental review documents and other important planning/environmental documents from the Environmental Center and OEQC.



### **Selected Recent Presentations**

Sustainable Development in Hawai'i, Global Green Island Summit, Jeju, Korea, 2018.

West Side Stories: Climate Leadership from the Pacific Coast, North American Carbon World, San Francisco, California, 2018.

Subnational Action on Climate Change with International Partners: Public/Private Collaboration, United Nations Conference of Parties 23, Bonn, Germany, 2017.

Planning for Climate Change in Hawai'i, American Planning Association National Conference, New York, New York, 2017.

Climate Change and Disaster Response in Environmental Impact Assessment, International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA), Montreal, Canada, 2017.

### **Professional Employment History**

State of Hawai'i, OEQC, Honolulu, HI 2015 – present

Cardno (formerly TEC Inc.), Honolulu, HI 2010 – 2015

Center for Island Climate Adaptation and Policy (ICAP), School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu, HI 2010

Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Hawai'i, HI 2007 – 2010

Prior to attending the University of Hawai'i, Scott lived in Kumamoto, Japan for four years teaching English on the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program.