Professor E. Gordon Grau named interim director of UH Mānoa Water Resources Research Center

Effective today, Professor E. Gordon Grau, director of the University of Hawai‘i Sea Grant College Program, was named interim director of the Water Resources Research Center at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.

The Water Resources Research Center concentrates on addressing the unique water and wastewater management problems facing people in the Pacific. It serves the state of Hawai‘i as well as other Pacific islands and elsewhere by researching water-related issues distinctive to these areas.

The main focuses of the center are to: coordinate and conduct research to identify, characterize, and quantify water-related problems in Hawai‘i; assist Pacific Island and Asian governments facing water problems similar to those in Hawai‘i; and facilitate access to interdisciplinary expertise within the university to enhance understanding of environmental problems and to identify effective solutions.

Professor Grau noted “Water is life. I am not the first person to say this, but it is the basis for all living systems on earth and yet something we take for granted. Throughout the world, and in Hawai‘i in particular, water is a finite resource that we must conserve and protect if we are to sustain life as we know it.”

Professor Grau is a Maryland native who has lived in Hawai‘i for over 35 years. During his tenure as director, Dr. Grau positioned UH Sea Grant at the forefront of the 33 Sea Grant programs nationwide by organizing the program around the theme of coastal communities and economies. Through Sea Grant and now the Water Resources Research Center, Grau is working to advance coastal communities that are economically prosperous, socially and culturally inclusive, and which have the smallest environmental footprint.

To learn more about UH Sea Grant and the many ways it is serving coastal communities throughout Hawai‘i and the Pacific please visit http://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu, email uhsgcomm@hawaii.edu, call (808) 956-7410, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube.

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