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April 16, 2015

Dear Trent Biggs,

I am writing in support of the proposal "Assessing the effectiveness of mitigation activities to reduce sediment load in Faga'alu watershed, American Samoa: Capacity building for on-island impact assessment." I acknowledge that the grant has specific tasks outlined for staff of American Samoa Community College (ASCC), and agree that I will:

1. Attend a 3-day workshop in July 2015 for training on equipment maintenance and data downloading.
2. Assist with downloading data and maintaining the equipment specified in the grant from July 2015 to May 2016.

I look forward to working with San Diego State University and NFWF to monitor the effectiveness of sediment mitigation structures for protecting our valuable natural resources.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Trent Biggs
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April 16, 2015

Dear Dr. Biggs,

I am writing in support of the proposal "Assessing the effectiveness of mitigation activities to reduce sediment load in Faga'alu watershed, American Samoa: Capacity building for on-island impact assessment." I am the Watershed Coordinator for the Coral Reef Advisory Group (CRAG), which coordinates American Samoa's coral reef management efforts and activities. Working with local and federal agencies CRAG develops strategies and implements actions that address various areas of coral reef conservation through education and outreach, policy and enforcement, and scientific research and monitoring. In my role I have had the pleasure of working with Alex Messina I have gained some experience with the monitoring efforts outlined in the grant.

I acknowledge that the grant has specific tasks outlined for me, and agree that I will:

1. Attend a 3-day workshop in July 2015 for training on equipment maintenance and data downloading
2. Assist ASEPA with downloading data and maintain the equipment specified in the grant from July 2015 to May 2016.
3. Assist ASEPA with obtaining water samples from an autosampler for 3-5 storms during July 2015 to May 2016, and analyzing the samples for suspended sediment concentration.

I am excited for the project, and look forward to working with San Diego State University and NFWF to monitor the effectiveness of sediment mitigation structures for protecting our valuable natural resources. If you have any questions please contact me at meagan.curtis@crag.as.

Sincerely,

Meagan Curtis
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Re: AS-EPA's Participation in Assessing the Effectiveness of Mitigation

Dear Dr. Biggs,

I am writing in support of the proposal "Assessing the effectiveness of mitigation activities to reduce sediment load in Faga'alu watershed, American Samoa: Capacity building for on-island impact assessment." I acknowledge that the grant has specific tasks outlined for staff of American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (ASEPA), and agree that we will:

1. Attend a 3-day workshop in July 2015 for training on equipment maintenance and data downloading
2. Download data and maintain the equipment specified in the grant from July 2015 to May 2016.
3. Obtain water samples from an autosampler for 3-5 storms during July 2015 to May 2016, and analyze the samples for suspended sediment concentration.

We are excited for the project, and look forward to working with San Diego State University and NFWF to monitor the effectiveness of sediment mitigation structures for protecting our valuable natural resources.

Sincerely,

Ameko Pato, Director