

EAST KAUA'I SWCD MONTHLY MEETING



DATE: Monday, January 14, 2019
TIME: 2:00 PM
LOCATION: State Department of Health Conference, 3040 Umi St., Lihu'e

AGENDA

- I. **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER** – Ed
 - II. **REVIEW OF AGENDA** (Additions/Deletions/Changes)
 - III. **REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES:** 12/10/18
 - IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** 1/14/19
 - V. **CORRESPONDANCE**
 - VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. NRCS Report – Jenna Dunn, District Conservationist
 - B. Conservation Specialist Report– Jenni Scotti & John Nelson
 - VII. **REVIEW NEW COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS & CONSERVATION PLANS**
 - VIII. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. Garden Island RC&D (in correspondence file)
 - B. Grading Ordinance (Paul & Board)
 - IX. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A. New Community Involvement Projects
 - B. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) – Jenna
 - C. Cooperator of the Year 2018
 - X. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - XI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, February 11, 2019 2:00 PM**
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE OR AUXILIARY AIDS OR SERVICES (e.g., sign language interpreter, wheel chair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) AT THE DISTRICT SWCD MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT STAFF AT LEAST 72-HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING AT (808) 245-9014 +3 SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.



The meeting was opened at 2:05 pm at the State DOH Conference Room in Lihū'e.

PRESENT:

Directors: Ed Kawamura, Jr., (Presiding); Leonard Vierra; Arryl Kaneshiro; Michael Fernandes; Eric Hansen
Associate Directors: Darren Tamekazu, Jerry Ornellas

Others: Paul Togioka; Jenna Dunn, District Conservationist; Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; John Nelson, Conservation Specialist; Rebekah Magers, District Assistant

REVIEW OF AGENDA: (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES): no changes

MINUTES: Leonard motioned/Eric seconded to approve the 12/10/18 Minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Leonard presented the Treasurer's Report for 1/14/19 to be filed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ed distributed the correspondence folder.

NEW BUSINESS

A. NRCS REPORT: Jenna's December 2018/January 2019 report:

1. General

- i. Maui DC- Candidate who was selected decided not to take the position. Effective 11/24 Kauai DC will act as DC for Kahului office until position is filled.
- ii. Waimea DC- Interviews have occurred. No selection announced yet.
- iii. Cultural Resource Specialist- Position has been advertised, no selection announced yet.
- iv. Assistant Director for Programs- is now vacant. An Acting will be selected soon. Position has not been advertised yet.

2. Farm Bill Programs

- i. EQIP FY19-
 1. Kauai currently has approximately 42 applications.
 2. EQIP Working Lands for Wildlife will be offered on Kauai again. Sign up deadline is 2/15/2019. More info in correspondence folder.

3. Partial Govt Shutdown

- i. NRCS is operating on prior-year funds and remains open. No word on when these funds will run out.
- ii. FSA and RD offices are closed.
- iii. Several support agencies and services are shutdown making some operations challenging. These include but are not limited to- IT, FSA, and translation services.

4. Eng Bulletin re: structures

- i. NRCS staff will provide an engineering design when:
 1. A building permit is not required, (example: a building has an ag exemption), or

2. A building permit is required but the drawings are not required to be stamped by a registered Professional Engineer, (example: a permitting agency has waived the requirement for NRCS)
- ii. When a permitting agency requires design drawings to be stamped by a registered Professional Engineer, NRCS will do the I&E and construction certification but will NOT perform the design work. In this case, clients will need to have a private engineering firm complete the design and stamp the drawings.

5. Summer outreach series

- i. June- High Tunnel
- ii. July- Agroforest
- iii. August- Piggeries
- iv. September- NRCS programs

B. CONSERVATION SPECIALIST REPORTS:

1. Jenni Scotti – 1/14/19

- **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**
 - Rapid Ohia Death film meeting
 - Asked about the Java plum death on Kauai
- **Plans / field visits**
 - Planning
 - Site visits with 12 clients, 6 of which are new
 - Planning and follow-up with 14 clients
 - General assistance and requests with 7 people
 - Completed 1 plan
- **Outreach**
 - POSTER CONTEST
 - Posters are finally up!
 - 4 locations at the mall (see map in correspondence)
 - Pictures with Dennis for an article on Thursday the 10th (see article in correspondence)
 - Spring Soils Day
 - March 16th
 - Focus on soil science, physical properties, conservation, careers and CAP contest. HS invited, community/families welcome.
 - Invites not out yet
- **Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**
 - Focus on planning for applications
 - Starting to work on outreach 2019 material with office

2. John Nelson – 1/14/19

- I have been on multiple site visits and follow up with clients about potential practices.
- I am working on multiple clients CPTN-1 and CPA-52's.

- I am getting more familiar with entering practices with Toolkit 10.
- I helped Jenni with the poster contest, award celebration, and setting up at Kukui Grove mall.
- I am going to help present at a UH piggery workshop in early February.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS & COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS:

Ed signed Cooperator Agreements for six new cooperators.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Garden Island RC&D Report: Report and minutes from the December 2018 meeting were passed around.

Report for East and West Kauai Soil & Water Conservation Districts

December 3, 2018

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Email: gircdnew@gmail.com

**For 12/6/18-9/30/20: President Owen S. Moe, Vice President Gilbert P. Kea
Treasurer Ed Kawamura, Secretary Gary Ueunten**

Meetings for 2018: Monday 3:30 – 5:30 pm at KIUC Conference Room

Feb 5, Apr 2, Jun 4, Aug 6, Oct 1, Annual: Dec 3 (Kalapaki Villas)

Kauai Invasive Species Committee (KISC): Tiffini Keanini received 2 grants from the County. The rosy parakeet problem is under discussion though more studies are being planned.

Kauai Landscape Industry Council (KLIC) Arbor Day was a success with 1200 plants.

Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Program (KFBRP) Cali Crampton is promoting Mosquito Eradication for the birds Indiegogo promo.

Kokee Resource Conservation Program (KRCP): KRCP got an HTA grant award for \$30,000. Check out: www.krcp.org Katie Cassel who is considering semiretirement in 2019 to focus on funding referrals or donations or partnerships.

Makawahi Cave assisted with creating wetlands for the Dairy with the \$125,000 legal settlement of the Dairy. Additional funding is from Grove Farm Foundation. See: www.cavereserve.org

Malama Hikana`akala Heiau is led by Henry Kula Schumacher who with many volunteers & friendships accomplished clearing and redesigning this sacred area.

Papahanamokuakea Song & Book activity is pending.

Savannah Katulski and Tiffani Keanini joined our board after the Annual Board Meeting on 12/3/18!

Garden Island RC&D is still interested in assisting with conservation plans training.

Website www.gircd.org

B. Grading Ordinance: no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. New Community Involvement Projects:** Rebekah shared more information from the HRS 180 for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts, including the Powers and Duties of the Districts and Directors. She will be sending out a letter and survey to our current Cooperators to get input on what their needs are and how the Districts can help by creating programs and projects. Fundraising was discussed for the Districts to help with future projects, expanding programs and giving staff raises. Projects discussed were growing vetiver in partnership with Go Farm, partnering with RC&D, bringing Ted Kornecki to island for a small scale tractor workshop, and becoming a lender in the Slow Money Hawaii program, a national mini loan program. There being a government shut down NRCS travel for speakers may be delayed. Rebekah will follow up by contacting Ted. Rebekah will get more refined details about the Slow Money Hawaii program for the next meeting.
- B. Regional Conservation Partnership:** no news to report. Discussed at the last meeting.
- C. Cooperator of the Year 2018:** Aina Hookupu O Kilauea was selected as the East Kauai SWCD Cooperator of the Year. They will be congratulated by letter and an article will be written for them in the Annual Report. Pictures of the Ag park will be brought to show the Directors at the February meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. HACD Teleconference:** Rebekah went over notes from the teleconference meeting.
- NRCS – Application deadline, Number of applications
 - RC&D – Women's Farmers Workshop is in their second year and will be traveling to all the islands including Molokai but will not be coming to Kauai
 - Jean and Jenni will communicate on how we can bring it to Kauai
 - HACD – Michelle Watkins discussed the budget for the new Fiscal Year and checks coming from DLNR
 - Poster Contest – Maui joined the State contest this year and votes were taken by email/website
 - Insurance – liability insurance was discussed for the Directors and Districts, Districts will contact Michelle for more information
 - 2019 HACD Conference will be on Molokai – June 19-21, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Gerald Takamura has retired and will be taken off the roster of Associate Directors.

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm, written by Rebekah Magers, District Assistant.