

EAST KAUA'I SWCD MONTHLY MEETING

East Kauai
Soil & Water Conservation District



DATE: Monday, April 8, 2019
TIME: 2:00 PM
LOCATION: State Department of Health Conference, 3040 Umi St., Lihue

AGENDA

- I. **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER** – Ed
- II. **REVIEW OF AGENDA** (Additions/Deletions/Changes)
- III. **REVIEW/ACCEPT MINUTES:** 3/11/19
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** 4/8/19 – Leonard
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Ed
- 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. HACD Conference delegates and silent auction budget
 - B. New Community Involvement Projects
 - 1. Vetiver project with Go Farm – NRCS & SWCD
 - 2. Update on GIRC&D - Rebekah
 - 3. Skype session with Slow Money Hawaii – Rebekah
- X. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - A. Topics to discuss at EWKSWCD meeting in May
 - B. Outreach Materials – Jenni
- XI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. Annual Report - group photo at May 13 meeting
 - B. HACD Annual meeting – June 19-21, 2019 on Molokai
 - C. Annual Picnic – September 14, 2019 at Niumalu park at 3PM

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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 2:03 pm at the State DOH Conference Room in Lihue.

- I. **PRESENT: Directors:** Ed Kawamura, Jr., (Presiding); Leonard Vierra; Arryl Kaneshiro; Michael Fernandes
Associate Directors: Darren Tamekazu
Others: Jenna Dunn, NRCS District Conservationist; Jenni Scotti, Conservation Specialist; John Nelson, Conservation Specialist; Rebekah Magers, District Assistant
- II. **REVIEW OF AGENDA: (ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES):** no changes
- III. **MINUTES:** Arryl motioned/Leonard seconded to approve the 3/11/19 minutes; the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **TREASURER’S REPORT:** Leonard passed around the Treasurer’s Report for 4/8/19 to be filed.
- V. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Ed distributed the correspondence folder.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **NRCS Report:** Jenna gave her report for March/April:
 - **General**
 - Maui DC- To be announced. Morri-Ann Nagata has assumed the role of Acting DC.
 - American Samoa DC- To be announced. Brandon Todd has assumed the role of Acting DC.
 - Cultural Resource Specialist- Brian Wallace has been selected, his start date is 5/26/2019
 - State Agronomist- Kara Nelson is Acting but is going to resign on 4/13/19. No word on who will be acting next or when position will be filled.
 - Assistant Director for Programs- is now vacant. Susan Kubo will be Acting ADP until 5/24/2019. Position has not been advertised yet.
 - PMC Agronomist- Has been advertised, selection pending
 - Pathways Intern- has been advertised. Will be in Lihue, Honolulu, or Kealahou.
 - Full Time Employees (FTE)- PIA cap for FTEs has dropped to 58
 - **Farm Bill Programs**
 - EQIP FY19-
 - Kauai currently has approximately 27 applications that passed eligibility. 18 are above the ranking threshold. 12 have been selected for pre-approval. The 11 preapproved applications total approximately \$337,333.00
 - PIA has about \$17 mill in applications, but only about \$6 mill available. Therefore, PIA will be requesting an extra \$5mill or so.
 - **Civil Rights / EEO**
 - Civil Rights Discussion.
 - USDA Anti-Harassment Statement
 - NRCS Civil Rights Policy Statement

- Anti-Harassment Statement
- Limited English Proficiency Policy Statement
- “And Justice for All” poster

Jenna also explained the translation service through the NRCS that can be used for Thai farmers.

B. Conservation Specialist Reports:

1. Jenni Scotti – 4/8/19

- **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**
 - NRCS Contract info meeting
 - Cultural resources meeting
- **Plans / field visits**
 - Planning
 - Site visits with 3 clients, 1 new client
 - Planning and follow-up with 17 clients
 - Assisted with one check-out
 - Completed 3 plans, one almost completed
- **Outreach**
 - POSTER CONTEST
 - All but one school delivered
 - Challenges with state prize but will be mailed to students next week.
 - 2019 contest deadline set for September 23rd.
 - Garden Fair
 - Ag Awareness Day April 25th
 - Classroom outreach specific request early May.
 - Outreach Material
- **Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**
 - Starting to catch up on CTA workload
 - Will be working on Annual report articles and outreach materials
 - Summer – High Tunnel, Agroforestry & Soil Health

2. John Nelson – 4/8/19

- I have been on multiple site visits and follow up with clients about potential practices
- I am getting the first round of plans completed and submitted by the deadline
- Traveled to Kilauea to meet and present the elementary school students with the contest posters
- Garden Fair and set up (April 6th)
- Preparing for any upcoming tasks that will need to be completed for the client and helping my co-workers with any needed assistance to learn more about the extensive planning process

John has one piggery client that was preapproved for a contract. John and Jenna brought up the difficulties they had with trying to get a landowner concurrence letter from the DOA for another piggery client. The Directors wanted to see if the topic could be brought

up at the annual HACD meeting in June. Rebekah will communicate with Michelle Watkins.

VII. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS & COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS: Ed signed the Cooperator agreement for Watchara Meehol.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Garden Island RC&D Report: Carolyn Lum emailed the report for April:

Report for the East and West Kauai Soil and Water Conservation Districts

April 1, 2019; 4253 C Rice St., Lihue HI 96766 808-246-0004; 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 2019: Monday 3:30 – 5:30 pm at KIUC Conference Room

Feb 4, Apr 1, Jun 3, Aug 5, Oct 7, Annual: Dec 2 (Kalapaki Villas)

The board approved the Vetiver Project and awaits further developments after the presentation by Rebekah Magers & Jenna Dunn (teleconference).

Kauai Invasive Species Committee (KISC): Tiffini Keanini received 2 grants from the County.

The rosy parakeet report was delayed by the Fed. Shutdown.

Kauai Landscape Industry Council (KLIC) Arbor Day will get grant for \$7750 (2019).

They will offer a Horticulture and Irrigation class this year.

Kauai Forest Bird Recovery Program (KFBRP) Cali Crampton is promoting Mosquito Eradication & got \$10,000 with Indiegogo promo. GIA grant for 2020 is pending.

Kokee Resource Conservation Program (KRCP): KRCP got an HTA grant award for \$35,000. Check out: www.krcp.org Katie Cassel who is considering semiretirement in 2019 to focus on funding referrals or donations or partnerships.

Makawahi Cave submitted a GIA grant (partner Grove Farm). The Dairy plans are swapped for plantings. Funding sources are being searched. 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 in Wailua.

Malama Ia Namanu is funded with \$11,000 working with seabirds' presentations

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

Mahalo for continued sponsorship support!

B. Grading Ordinance: None

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. HACD Conference delegates and silent auction budget: Michael made a motion for the SWCD staff to attend the HACD meeting on Molokai, June 19-21/Arryl seconded; vota was unanimous. John will also attend and he is fully covered by HACD.

Leonard made a motion for Eric Hansen and Ed Kawamura Jr. to attend the conference as the EK SWCD delegates/Michael seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Leonard made a motion for \$150 to go towards silent auction items/Michael seconded; the vote was unanimous.

B. New Community Involvement Projects:

1. **Vetiver Project with Go Farm:** Rebekah and Jenna attended the GIRC&D meeting on April 1, where they presented the Vetiver project and received partnership support. GIRC&D will not charge 10% for project fund management but the Districts will be responsible for paying GET. GIRC&D also approved of the Districts adding a donation button with donations going to a subaccount with GIRC&D.
2. **Update on GIRC&D:** Ed, Rebekah, and Jenna gave an update on what was discussed at the GIRC&D meeting on April 1.
3. **Skype session with Slow Money Hawaii (SMH):** There will be a Skype session with Mary at the May 13 meeting when both East and West Districts are present. Michael shared that according to Mary no one has defaulted in Hawaii through the SMH program. There were questions of how the Districts fit into the program. Hopefully the meeting with Mary will clarify all questions. The Skype session and meeting will happen at the Dept. of Health.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Topics to Discuss at EWKSWCD meeting in May:

- Mayor Introduction
- Slow Money Hawaii
- HACD Vice President (EK or WK)
- SWCD Supervisor (can be different Director than HACD VP)
- Purchasing rainfall simulator
- Update from Jerry on recent Water bill
- Email by voting

B. Outreach materials: Jenni made a proposal for the Districts to purchase a table top rainfall simulator for future soil health workshops with farmers and students. Ed recommended the item be brought up at the combined meeting in May. Rebekah will email the Directors the website so they can look at the rainfall simulators. Rebekah asked about the budget for outreach material. The office can purchase small tag items for outreach without consulting the Directors for each purchase using the credit card. Large purchases will need to be brought to the Board and voted on.

Ed made a motion to buy a new banner and poles for the Districts/Michael seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Voting by email was brought up in the case of an emergency or an approaching deadline. It was brought up that this may be against the Sunshine Law. Rebekah will consult with Michelle Watkins (HACD) for clarification.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. GROUP PHOTO AT THE MAY 13 MEETING FOR OUR ANNUAL REPORT

B. HACD Annual meeting – June 19-21, 2019 on Molokai: Rebekah will book the airfare and hotel accommodations for the Directors

C. Annual Picnic – September 14, 2019 at Niumalu park at 3PM

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm, written by Rebekah Magers, District Assistant.