

EAST KAUA'I SWCD MONTHLY MEETING

East Kauai
Soil & Water Conservation District



DATE: Monday, December 10, 2018
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:** 11/5/18
- IV. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** 12/10/18
- 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**
 - A. New Conservation Plan Presentations (2)
- VIII. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - A. Garden Island RC&D (in correspondence file)
 - B. Grading Ordinance (Paul & Board)
- IX. **UNIFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A. New Community Involvement Projects
 - B. Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP) – East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative
- X. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - A. Cooperator of the Year 2018
- XI. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday, January 14, 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 SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.



The meeting was opened at 2:00 pm at the State DOH Conference Room in Lihu‘e.

PRESENT:

Directors: Ed Kawamura, Jr., (Presiding); Leonard Vierra; Arryl Kaneshiro; Michael Fernandes

Associate Directors: Darren Tamekazu

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/Arryl seconded to approve the November 5th Minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Leonard presented the Treasurer’s Report for 11/5/18 and 12/10/18 to be filed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Ed distributed the correspondence folder.

NEW BUSINESS

A. NRCS REPORT: Jenna’s November/December 2018 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. Area Resource Conservationist (ARC)- Morri-Ann Nagata has been selected.
- iv. Cultural Resource Specialist- Position has been advertised, no selection announced yet.
- v. Assistant Director for Programs- will be vacant on 1/5/2019. Position has not been advertised yet.

2. Farm Bill Programs

- i. EQIP FY19- Sign up deadline will be 12/21/2019. Kauai currently has approximately 24 applications.

3. Outreach

B. CONSERVATION SPECIALIST REPORTS:

1. Jenni Scotti – 12/10/18

▪ **Trainings / Meetings / Learning**

- Banana bunchy top and micropropagation workshop
- Kauai Island Pacific Birds Meeting

▪ **Plans / field visits**

- Planning
 - Site visits with 10 clients, 5 of which are new
 - Planning and follow-up with 19 clients
 - General assistance and requests with 10 people

- Completed 3 plans
- **Outreach**
 - POSTER CONTEST
 - State contest results:
 - Sophie Cornell from Kilauea elementary received the K-1 vote
 - Waianuehea Karratti from Kawaikini received the 4-6 vote
 - Have not been able to peg down Kukui Grove, not certain they will get up this holiday season.
 - International Soils Day
 - December 1st at the KCC Farmers Market
 - Soils Texture, Soil Health Info, Painting with Soils, CAP Contest Info
 - Great Turnout
 - CAP CONEST
 - Spring Soils Day March 16th
 - Focus on soil science, physical properties, conservation, careers and CAP contest. HS invited, community/families welcome.
 - Working on letters to send out to school in the next week
 - Girl Scouts STEM day
 - Genoa and I talked about watersheds and water quality as well as our jobs
- **Misc/News/upcoming events/future projects/goals**
 - CTA workload, working on as many as possible before focusing on applications workload

2. John Nelson – 12/10/18

- 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 am helping Jenni with the poster contest and setting up at Kukui Grove mall.
- Information and vetting information I presented at CTAHR piggery workshop.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF CONSERVATION PLANS & COOPERATOR AGREEMENTS:

- A. Michael Fernandes presented his Conservation Plan. He does not need to amend his plan if grading or grubbing is under one acre. Arryl made a motion to approve the plan. Leonard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Sakda Meephol presented his Conservation Plan. Advice was given to be careful if land was once used for cattle. Arryl made a motion to approve the plan. Michael seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Garden Island RC&D Report:** no report
- B. **Grading Ordinance:** no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **New Community Involvement Projects:** Ed handed in the New Community Involvement Ideas handout with his suggestions. Directors will be emailed for input on projects for 2019.
- B. **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP):** Jenna explained the program and a example partnership with the East Kauai Water Users' Cooperative. She discussed the distribution of funds for the program being similar to EQIP. Jenna expressed interest in having a conference call with the State office and a potential partner to share helpful information on the program. Ed to make an appointment to meet with the SWCD planners and NRCS to discuss moving forward with the program if it is applicable. Arryl brought up the email in the correspondance about all District funds being put into the State General Fund. Partnering with GIRC&D may be helpful to pursue additional funds for programs and projects.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. **Cooperator of the Year 2018:** A few nominees were suggested. A complete list will be made for the next meeting to help with choosing a Cooperator. The final vote will be made in February.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none

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There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm, written by Rebekah Magers, District Assistant.