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## NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION ENHANCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

**DATE:** August 25, 2009

**TIME:** 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: DAGS Conference Room 426, Kalanimoku Building, 1151Punchbowl Street, Honolulu

#### AGENDA

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the May 4, 2009 NARSC Enhancement Subcommittee Meeting (deferred from May 26, 2009 meeting).
- 3. Approval of Minutes of the May 26, 2009 NARSC Enhancement Subcommittee Meeting.
- 4. Enhancement: Recommend opportunities or strategies for conservation management and designation of Biologically Important areas statewide (Namolokama, Kalalau Back Pali, North of Ku`ia, Back of Wailau and South Slope, East of Wailau, Lana`ihale, Hanawi West/East, Kanaio Coast, Kauaula/Puehuehunui, Northwest of Pu`u O `Umi NAR, Kamilo, Pohakuloa Gulch, Wai`ea, Cliff above Pebble Beach, Mauna Loa Mosaic, Waimanu, Hamakua, Puna Lowland Wet Forests, Kaluanui): Emma Yuen.
  - i. Summarize past Enhancement discussions and processes.
  - ii. Discuss and approve recommendations for each Biologically Important Area.
- 5. New acquisition opportunity: Lands surrounding Kulani Prison.
- 6. Announcements.
- 7. Adjournment.

# NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION MEETING

- **DATE:** August 25, 2009
- **TIME:** 12:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
- PLACE: DAGS Conference Room 426, Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu.

### AGENDA

- 1. Call to order and introduction of members. Selection of a Vice Chair from appointed members to replace Member Rowland.
- 2. Approval of Minutes of the May 26, 2009 NARSC Meeting.
- 3. Set meeting schedule/frequency for the year, for up to four full Commission Meetings and four Subcommittee Meetings, and potential agenda items for quarterly meetings; subject to further additions or deletions.
- 4. Updates from Randy Kennedy: Legislative Agenda for 2010, Status of Native Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Section personnel, NAR Fund Status, and NARS Budget Update for FY10.

- 4.a. Discussion and recommendations on contingency planning to address budget restrictions and potential loss of staff critical to carrying out the NARS Strategic Plan.
- 4.b. Discussion and Action to appoint members of the NARSC to a joint consulting committee for NARSC and Forest Stewardship Committee, to meet as a subcommittee for consultation on dispersal of NAR Funds.
- 5. Permitting.
- 5.a. Special Use Permit Current Delegation of Authority: Discussion and Action on list of current recommended delegation of authority for special review and recommendation of permits; including delegation of authority for other than the NARSC Executive Secretary to approve Special Use Permits.
- 5b. Special Use Permit Application Fee Waiver: Discussion and Action to grant a waiver for animal control special permits in Kahauale`a Natural Areas Reserve, Hawai`i.
- 5.c. Special Presentation, and Update on Ka`ena: Lindsay Young, Ph.D., on her dissertation, status of colonies, predator proof fence, and ambassador program.
- 5.d. Ka`ena Point Ecosystem Restoration Project: Action by the NARSC to review, approve, defer, make other recommendations, or deny recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources for implementation of this project.
- 5.e. Update on `Ahihi-Kina`u NAR: Progress to date on closure and other issues.
- 6. Update on *Myoporum* (naio) thrips, discussion and recommendation to recognize importance of protecting Hawaii's dominant native forest trees: Discussion and Action to approve a list of dominant trees and as well as recommending a letter be sent to the Department of Agriculture urging them to develop rules and regulations to further protect these dominant native forest trees.
- 7. Update on National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) and Experimental Forest (EF) permitting processes.
- 7.a. Presentation by Henry Loescher, Ph.D., NEON Team Leader for the Fundamental Instrument Unit (all tower/soil based measurements) that are key for site-based design.
- 7.b. Discussion and action for appointment of a Task Force or Subcommittee to help oversee the permitting process, as discussed at the May 26, 2009 NARSC Meeting.
- 8. Enhancement: Emma Yuen.
  - a. Receive recommendations from DOFAW, if any, and approve, defer, make other recommendations, or deny to the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Governor the following proposals:
    - i. `Ilio Point Natural Area Reserve, Moloka`i.
    - ii. Kaluanui Natural Area Reserve, O`ahu.
    - iii. Extension of Kahauale`a Natural Area Reserve, Hawai`i.
  - b. Na Kula NAR, Maui: Proposal for Discussion and Action for referral to DOFAW for further review.
  - c. Pu`u Maka`ala NAR Extension: proposal for Discussion and Action for referral to DOFAW for further review.
  - d. Update on NARS Enhancement Project.
- 9. Announcements.
- 10. Adjournment.

Meeting materials are available for public review in advance of the meeting. Contact the NARS Commission Executive Secretary. If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e. sign language interpreter, wheelchair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled), please contact the NARS Commission Executive Secretary 72 hours prior to the meeting so that arrangements can be made (808) 587-0063.