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NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION

ENHANCEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: January 20, 2010

TIME: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Building, 1151Punchbowl Street, Honolulu

AGENDA

- ITEM 1. Call to order, introductions and purpose of meeting: Emma Yuen.
- ITEM 2. Approval of Minutes of the August 25, 2009 NARSC Enhancement Subcommittee Meeting.
- ITEM 3. Discussion of Waiea, Hawaii, and acquisition of adjacent land for conservation purposes.
- ITEM 4. Enhancement: Recommend opportunities or strategies for conservation management and designation of Biologically Important Areas statewide (**Kaua`i:** Namolokama, Kalalau Back Pali, North of Ku`ia; **O`ahu:** Kaluanui; Wai`anae Sinkholes; **Moloka`i:** Back of Wailau and South Slope, East of Wailau; **Lana`i:** Lana`ihale; **Maui:** Hanawi West / East, Kanaio Coast, Kaua`ula / Puehuehu Nui; **Hawai`i:** Northwest of Pu`u O`Umi NAR, Kamilo, Pohakuloa Gulch, Cliff above Pebble Beach, Mauna Loa Mosaic, Waimanu, Hamakua, Puna Lowland Wet Forests): Emma Yuen.
 - i. Summarize past Enhancement discussions and processes.
 - ii. Discuss and approve recommendations for each Biologically Important Area.
- ITEM 5. Update on Pu`u Maka`ala NAR Extension proposal and Kanepu`u Preserve, Lana`i (current participant in the Natural Area Partnership Program): Emma Yuen.
- ITEM 6. Announcements. Set next meeting date.
- ITEM 7. Adjournment.

NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: January 20, 2010

TIME: 12:00 noon – 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: DLNR Boardroom, Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu.

AGENDA

- ITEM 1. Call to order and introduction of members. Action Item: Selection of a Vice Chair from appointed members.
- ITEM 2. Approval of Minutes of the August 25, 2009 NARSC Meeting.
- ITEM 3. Updates from Randy Kennedy: Legislative Agenda for 2010, Status of Native Ecosystem Protection and Management Section personnel, NAR Fund Status, and NARS Budget Update for FY10.

- ITEM 3.a. Discussion and recommendations on contingency planning to address budget restrictions and potential loss of staff critical to carrying out the NARS Strategic Plan.
- ITEM 3.b. Joint NARSC and Forest Stewardship Committee on dispersal from the NAR Fund: Update.
- ITEM 4. Permitting.
- ITEM 4.a. Ka`ena Point Ecosystem Restoration Project Update: Brent Liesemeyer.
- ITEM4.b. Update on `Ahihi-Kina`u NAR: Progress to date on closure, proposed Roi (introduced predatory fish) control program, and other issues: Bill Evanson/Matt Ramsey.
- ITEM 4.c. Action Item: Delegate authority to recommend approval of special use permits, in closed areas of Natural Area Reserves, to the NARSC Executive Secretary, with review and input from staff.
- ITEM 4d. Current draft of the Hawai'i Statewide Assessment of Forest Condition and Trends: 2010, focusing on the chapter dealing with preservation of biodiversity: Ron Cannarella, and possible request to place two permanent monitoring plots in Pu'u Maka'ala NAR and one in Pu'u O'Umi NAR for the National Forest Inventory Analysis Program (FIA).
- ITEM 5. Update on *Myoporum* (naio) thrips, or other potential pests of natural areas; any progress on recommending protection for dominant native forest trees: Pat Conant.
- ITEM 6. Update on National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) and Experimental Forest (EF) permitting processes:
- ITEM 6.a. Update 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; followed by discussion of site visit to Laupahoehoe and Laupahoehoe Community Meeting on January 19, 2010 by the NARSC NEON Subcommittee, followed by action to approve, defer, deny, or make other recommendations on possible location of a tower site within Laupahoehoe NAR.
- ITEM 6.b. Update by Christian Giardina, Ph.D., Acting Director, Institute for Pacific Islands Forestry (IPIF), on current status of the EF and the proposed Education Center.
- ITEM 7. Enhancement: Emma Yuen.
- ITEM7.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. Na Kula Natural Area Reserve, Maui.
 - ii. Pu'u Maka'ala Natural Area Reserve Extension (Kulani), Hawai'i.
- ITEM 7.b. `Ilio Point Natural Area Reserve: Status; presentation, discussion and recommendations for placement of an AC/DC converter station and transmission cable at `Ilio, as part of a proposed wind energy project on Moloka`i: Josh Strickler, Facilitator, Renewable Energy Programs, Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT).
- ITEM 7.c. Update on NARS Enhancement Project: Emma Yuen.
- ITEM 8. Announcements. Set next meeting date.
- ITEM 9. Adjournment.

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