NATURAL AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION (NARSC) MEETING

DATE: March 31, 2017
TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
PLACE: DLNR Board Room 132, Kalanimoku Building, 1151 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu.

AGENDA

ITEM 1. Call to order, introductions of members, staff, and visitors; any move up requests.
ITEM 1.a. Recommendations to the Governor on possible candidates for NARSC Chair to replace Chair Sinton, whose term expires June 30, 2017.
ITEM 1.b. Recognition of Trae Menard, former NARSC member.
ITEM 1.c. Selection of one to two members to participate in the Joint Consultation between the Natural Area Reserves System Commission and the Forest Stewardship Advisory Committee, set for May 25, 2017 in Honolulu.

ITEM 2. Approval of the Minutes of the April 6, 2017 Natural Area Reserves System Commission Meeting.

ITEM 3. Review and approval of the re-authorization of funding for Pu‘u Kukui Watershed Management: Pu‘u Kukui Watershed Preserve, island of Maui, during FY 18-24 for continued enrollment in the Natural Area Partnership Program and approval of the Pu‘u Kukui Watershed Preserve Long Range Management Plan; action by the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to review, approve, defer, make other recommendations or deny recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources: Emma Yuen.

ITEM 4. Special Use Permits.
ITEM 4.a. Renewal request for continued work by San Diego Zoo Global (SDZG) to continue work on the release of ‘Alalā (Corvus hawaiiensis) back into the wild at Pu‘u Maka‘alae Natural Area Reserve, island of Hawai‘i. Presentations by Bryce Masuda (SDZG site manager), Jacqueline Gaudioso-Levita (‘Alalā project coordinator for Division of Forestry and Wildlife, and Nicholas Agorastos (Hawai‘i Natural Area Reserve Manager); action by the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to
review, approve, defer, make other recommendations of deny recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

ITEM 4.b. Continued closure of Kahauale‘a Natural Area Reserve, island of Hawai‘i from July 25, 2017 – July 24, 2019 due to continuing volcanic hazards; action by the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to review, approve, defer, make other recommendations, or deny recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources: Nicholas Agorastos, staff presentation.

ITEM 4.c. Request to approve delegation of authority to temporarily close or restrict public use in Natural Area Reserves for periods of up to two months for the protection of the natural, geological, or cultural resources of the area or the safety and welfare of person or property, to the Administrator of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Department of Land and Natural Resources; action by the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to review, approve, defer, make other recommendations, or deny recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources: Emma Yuen.

ITEM 4.d. Grant of Term, Non-exclusive Easement to United States of America, Department of Navy for Communication Facility Purposes; Kamananui, Waialua, O‘ahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 6-7-003: portion of 025, located within Mount Ka‘ala Natural Area Reserve; action by the Natural Area Reserves System Commission approve and recommend, to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, approve, defer, make other recommendations, or deny recommendation.

ITEM 4.e. Special Use Permit Application for the Army to land on the helipad outside the fenced enclosure at the summit of Ka‘ala, which staff has determined lies within the NAR, while the Army claims that the helipad is not in the NAR; action by the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to recommend to approve, defer, make other recommendations, or deny recommendation, to the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

ITEM 4.f. Special Use Permit Application for Hawaiian Electric Company to study the possibility of relocating a portion of the existing Mikilua 4 Circuit at Mount Ka‘ala, Wai‘anae, O‘ahu, TMK 6-7-003: 018 and 025 portions; action by the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to recommend approval, defer, make other recommendations, or deny recommendation to the Board of Land and Natural Resources. Update by David Sisco, DOFAW Snail Extinction Prevention Program.

ITEM 5. Update on final adoption of HAR Chapter 209, Rules governing authorized or prohibited activities in Natural Areas: Emma Yuen.

ITEM 6. U.S. Forest Service Forest Legacy Program Assessment of Needs (FLP AON) review and for any input from NARSC members: Irene Sprecher, DOFAW Admin. Forestry Program Manager.

ITEM 7. Legislative update: Emma Yuen.

ITEM 9.  Announcements. Tentatively set next meeting date.

ITEM 10.  Adjournment.

Meeting materials are available for public review in advance of the meeting; contact staff. If you require special assistance or auxiliary aids or services to participate in the public hearing process (i.e. sign language interpreter, wheel chair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) please contact staff at least 72 hours prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made: 587-4170.