

July 2017: Hawaii Ag Conference, Kokua Hawaii Foundation Mini-grants for Schools, Landowner Assistance Workshop July 22, Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle. The next West Oahu SWCD workshop is July 25, 2017.

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West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Working with Farmers to Conserve Hawaii's Soil and Water Resources since 1950.



### **Landowner Assistance Workshop: Managing Land on Oahu**

July 22 at Waimea Valley

West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, and the Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife are pleased to present a Landowner Assistance workshop in partnership with Waimea Valley on July 22 from 9-3. This peer and partner hosted workshop will provide a unique opportunity for landowners to explore the successes and challenges of land management, stewardship, partnerships, and cost-share programs with agency experts.

Join us at Waimea Valley and explore the valley with land managers and technical experts. The Workshop starts with a visit to a restoration site. Conservation manager Laurent Pool will share best practices for land management and feedback on his experience with the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and Forest Stewardship program. Participants have the opportunity to strategize with specialists in conservation, forestry, and technical assistance. Learn how to best manage your land with the support of governmental and NGO programs. Spots are limited. Register [here](https://waimeavalleylandownerworkshop.eventbrite.com): <https://waimeavalleylandownerworkshop.eventbrite.com>

The cost for each workshop is \$15 and includes lunch and coffee. Click on the [event link](#) to view the full agenda and see the list of wonderful speakers. Contact Michelle Gorham with questions. [Michelle@OahuSWCD.org](mailto:Michelle@OahuSWCD.org) or 808.729.1676



## Risk Management Agency

The United States Department of Agriculture, Agency of Risk Management Education has issued an RFP open through July 10, 2017 for Crop Insurance Education targeting Hawaii.

The purpose of the Targeted States program is to deliver crop insurance education and information to U.S. agricultural producers in States where there is traditionally and continues to be a low level of Federal crop insurance participation and availability, and producers are underserved by the Federal crop insurance program. These states, defined as Targeted States are Alaska, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

For More information, view the website: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=293741>

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## COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

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### Notes From CTAHR – Plant Propagation

Join UH CTAHR for the upcoming **Plant Propagation Outdoor Expo** at the **Urban Garden Center** in Central Oahu. We will use the hands-on teaching demonstration approach and heavy visuals to assist growers and the general public in advancing the cultivation of food in our island state.

Learn the techniques used by the commercial farming industry and backyard food producers to **propagate plants by seeds, cuttings, air layering,**

**grafting**, etc. The event will be held over two days, **July 7-8, 2017**, 8:30 am to 11:30 am.

Grafting classes will be held at 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30.

Airlayering classes will be held at 8:30, 9:30, and 10:30.

Demonstrations on cuttings, seedling mixes, and other techniques will be ongoing.

Online registration and payment is required to enter the educational area. Air layering and grafting classes are limited so please call (808) 453-6050 to reserve your space after completing the online registration form.

Visit <http://hfbf.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9c2ea730b5b5a988352249751&id=8c6eea51a8&e=f09e51f40e> for online registration.



***Come Home to Kunia Village! We have newly renovated and brand new 3 and 4 bedroom homes available right now for qualified farm laborers. For more info, contact EAH Housing at 439-6375***





## **Update: Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle**

Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB) survey crews from the Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) have detected an infestation of the plant-damaging beetles in small mulch piles on a farm located on Waiawa Road on the Pearl City Peninsula. This is north of the previously known infestation zone which involved mainly military property. Because this is in a residential and agricultural area, HDOA is asking the cooperation of property owners to allow CRB response crews to enter their properties to survey for the beetle, which destroys palm trees and other plants. Read the full story here: <http://hdoa.hawaii.gov/blog/main/nr10-crbinpcc/>

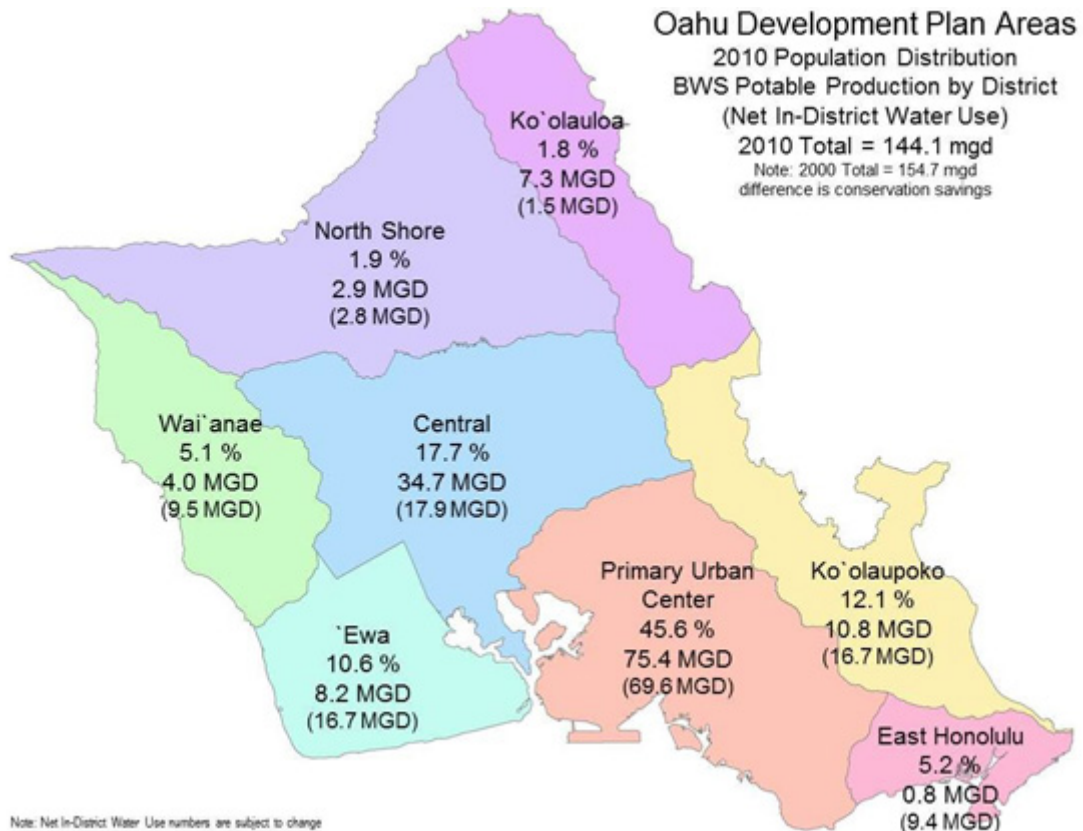


## **Kokua Hawaii Foundation mini-Grants**

Teachers from Hawai'i public schools can apply for mini-grants to help advance their environmental education goals. Previous grantees have used KHF funds for garden supplies, eco-footprint workshops, vermicompost trainings, and more.

Kōkua Hawai'i Foundation Mini-Grants assist Hawai'i public school teachers in paying for supplies and trainings for their classroom environmental education initiatives of up to \$200 per teacher or \$1,000 per school.

[Click here to get started!](#) Application deadline is March 1, 2018



## **Board of Water Supply Public Draft**

The 'Ewa Watershed Management Plan is out for public review and accepting comments June through September.

The Board of Water Supply (BWS) and Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), City and County of Honolulu, have begun the development of the Ewa Watershed Management Plan (EWMP), which will be used to meet the requirement of the State Water Code and City Ordinance to prepare a county water use and development plan. Ewa is one of eight district plans that together will comprise the [Oahu Water Management Plan](#).

Find the Ewa plan here: [http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/bws/media/files/Ewa-WMP\\_Public-Review-Draft\\_May-2017.pdf](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com/bws/media/files/Ewa-WMP_Public-Review-Draft_May-2017.pdf)



## 2017 Hawaii Ag Conference

**Register Now for Hawai'i Agriculture Conference, August 29-30**

Registration for AG2017 is live at <http://hiagconference.org>. Registration is \$250 through July 15, then it goes up to \$300.

We invite you to join us at the Hawai'i Agriculture Conference (AG2017), the premier all-agriculture conference in the state. Hosted by the Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i (ALFH), AG2017 will take place at the Hawai'i Convention Center from August 29-30, 2017.

AG2017 brings stakeholders together to unite in focus and support of agriculture's interests; to advance significant sector initiatives; and to build capacity, knowledge and collaboration across the sector. Topics at AG2017 will range from clearing the hurdles of labor and affordable housing on farm land, to growing agriculture with technology and tourism, to talking story about water and climate change, and much more.

Keynote speakers at AG2017 include:

- **Nainoa Thompson**, President, Polynesian Voyaging Society
- **President Hilda C. Heine**, Republic of the Marshall Islands
- **Ben Hartman**, Clay Bottom Farm, and Author, "The Lean Farm"

New to the conference are:

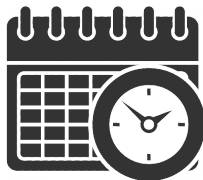
- **Grower Buyer Meetup** – Facilitated 8-10 minute exchanges between growers and buyers. Growers stationed at tables will share product list, photos, certifications, and samples. Buyers will move from table to table and share requirements for volume, insurance, delivery terms, and specific product needs.
- **AGxChange** – Learn about innovative practices, discover resources that can help you grow your business and connect with others who believe agriculture is an important part of Hawai'i's future. Businesses, government agencies and nonprofit organizations will all be represented at the AGxChange—offering up exhibits, poster presentations and café-like seating areas, with free wi-fi, food and beverages.
- **Farm to Table Tastings** – Your conference registration will allow you to dine and drink on the Hawai'i Convention Center rooftop with attendees on August 29. Participating restaurants include 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Grill, Forty Carrots, D.K.

Steakhouse, Hawai'i Convention Center, Kaka'ako Kitchen, Poke Stop - Mari's Garden, Tango, and Town.

- [Our \\$300 Ag Million Opportunity](#) – Replacing just 10% of the food Hawai'i currently imports could generate \$188 million in sales, \$94 million for farmers, and create 2,300 jobs.
- [Support Your Local Farms and Ranches](#) – Support Your Local Farms and Communities: Demand for locally grown products are on the rise, yet re-establishing local food systems has never been more challenging.
- [Sustain Our 'Āina](#) – For Future Generations: If we take care of the land, the land takes care of us. Hawai'i is on the front lines of climate change. We could be a world leader in sustainable food and energy production.

The Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i presents AG2017 with support from the Hawai'i Department of Agriculture. For more information on the Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i, visit <http://agleaderhi.org>.

For more information about AG2017 or to register for the conference, visit <http://hiagconference.org>.



## **Calendar of Events**

**Aggie Events and Deadlines:** Get involved in Oahu Agriculture

- July 7 - 8 Plant Propagation with CTAHR at the Urban Garden Center. Learn more and register here:
- July 11, South Oahu, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Meeting - HARC Lower Kunia Research Station: 94-340 Kunia Road. Contact Jayme for info. [jaymebee@gmail.com](mailto:jaymebee@gmail.com)
- July 11, West Oahu, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Meeting - Jeanne Vana (President)-[bigwavetomatoes@gmail.com](mailto:bigwavetomatoes@gmail.com)
- **The Hawaii State Farm Fair** coordinated by the Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation will be at Kualoa ranch. The event is held in partnership with the [Hawaii State Department of Agriculture](#) and Hawaii 4-H Livestock Council (4-H).  
**July 15: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.**  
**July 16: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**
- July 25, West Oahu SWCD Monthly Meeting. Crop Production Services Conference Room, Kunia Village 92-1770 Kunia Road, Kunia HI 96759.
- August 7, Waianae HFUU - The Wai'anae Chapter of the Hawaii Farmers Union United (HFUU) meets the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m at Kahumana Organic Farms



- June 1, East Oahu, Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation Meeting

**Conferences:**

Hawaii Conservation Conference July 18 - 20. [Register Today](#).

Hawaii Organic Farming Association Annual Convention Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>. [Register](#)

2017 Ag Conference August 29 and 30 - [Register by July 15 for Early Bird](#). See article.



**Online Workshops with NRCS:**

**[Soil Health Challenges of High Disturbance Crops](#)**

July 11, 2017 2:00 pm US/Eastern. 8am Hawaii Time

Participants will learn how innovative producers implement the four core soil health principles and include livestock in their management systems when growing crops that require a lot of soil disturbance.

**[Plant Materials Centers Planning Techniques](#)**

July 26, 2017 2:00 pm US/Eastern. 8am Hawaii Time

Participants will learn how the NRCS Plant Materials Program selects projects and how they develop products to support NRCS conservation activities.

**[Results of Organic Focused Conservation innovation Grants](#)**

August 1, 2017 2:00 pm US/Eastern. 8am Hawaii Time

Join this webinar to learn more about completed USDA NRCS Conservation Innovation Grants that have supported organic agriculture.

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**Next West Oahu SWCD Meeting: July 25, 2017 at 12:30**

**Location:** Crop Production Services Conference Room, Kunia Village 92-1770 Kunia Road, Kunia HI 96759. Please enter through the side door.

**West Oahu SWCD Directors:** Larry Jeffs (Chair), Peter Gibson, Alan Gottlieb, John McHugh, & Joe Para. Associate Director: Mike Glidden.

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