

BWS - Rate hearings, Landowner Workshop: High value hardwoods and agroforestry, Disaster assistance for flood victims, USDA Grant: sustainable ag systems, and more!

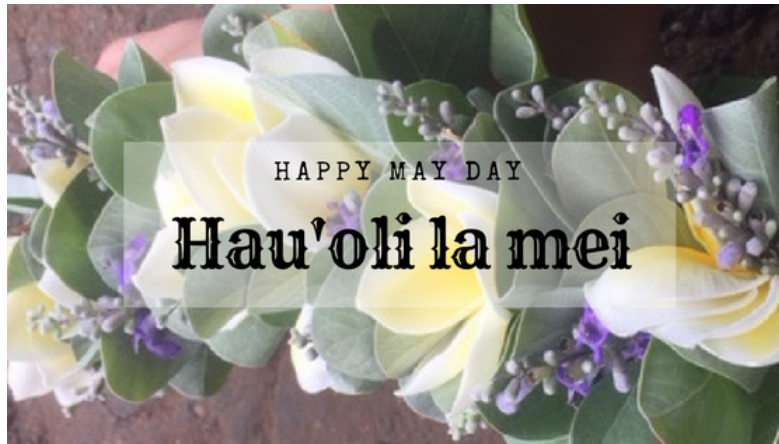
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West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

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

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LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE WORKSHOP: Maunawili Experiment Station

As requested by participants last year, West Oahu SWCD and the State of Hawaii, Division of Forestry and Wildlife have partnered with Nick Dudley, Research Forester, of the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center to host a workshop for landowners. [Register today](#) to explore how agroforestry, native forest management, and small-scale high value hardwood production can optimize your land function and value. This opportunity takes place on June 30, 2018 from 8:45am – 2:45pm at the Hawaii Agriculture Research Center's Maunawili Experiment Station. Cost: \$20. Lunch and coffee/tea included. 30 persons max. More information forthcoming.

Agenda

9:00 Introductions and opening statements with the State of Hawaii, DLNR, Division of Forestry and Wildlife and West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District

9:30 Field Tour with Nick Dudley, Forester with the Hawaii Agriculture Research

Center

9:30 – 10:00 Site 1: Koa wilt resistance greenhouse screening trial

10:15 - 10:45: Site 2: Three-year-old wilt resistant koa seedling field trial / seed orchard

11:00 – 11:30: Site 3: Three-year-old wilt resistant koa clonal field trial / seed orchard

11:30 -12:00: Discussion

12:00 Lunch (included with registration)

12:45 Discussion Panel

- Natural Resource Conservation Service: Michael Constantinides, Forester
- HARC: Nick Dudley, Forester
- Oahu RC&D: Stephanie Mock, Conservation Specialist
- Kohala Center: Agribusiness Development: Nicole Milne, Vice President of Programs
- DOFAW urban forester: Heather McMillen- Stewardship Mapping (StewMap)

1:45 Landowner Assistance: opportunity to secure guidance and technical suggestions from experts.

2:45 Wrap up and caravan to vehicles.

Register by June 24. https://woswcd_harcforestrylaw.eventbrite.com

Event Address: 1365 Maunawili Road (Meet in front of yellow gate. Leave space for access vehicles)

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Mahalo to our partners for making this possible.



Board of Water Supply

HONOLULU – The Board of Water Supply (BWS) is proposing rate adjustments for fiscal years 2019-2023 to enable the agency to continue to provide safe, dependable, and affordable water to the one million people it serves on Oahu, now and into the future. The draft water rate proposal will be presented at a series of public hearings, at which public input and suggestions will be sought. The public hearings will be held on the following dates, times, and locations:

- Kapolei-May 14, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Kapolei Hale in the Conference Room, 1000 Uluohia Street
- Kaneohe-May 15, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Benjamin Parker Elementary School Cafeteria, [45-259 Waikalua Road](#)
- Mililani-May 24, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Mililani Recreation Center #5, [95-1101 Ainamakua Drive](#)

The rate changes are driven by the need to increase investments in Oahu's water infrastructure, reduce water main breaks, encourage conservation, provide sufficient funding for disaster recovery, and more equitably distribute rates and charges among customer classes.

All proposed changes are intended to more equitably recover BWS's costs in

providing water service to each type of customer.

The adjustments to the water rates being proposed are available online at www.boardofwatersupply.com/waterrates or at the BWS office located at [630 South Beretania Street](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com). The BWS welcomes feedback. For more information call 748-5041 or email contactus@hbws.org.

Uwē ka lani, ola ka honua – “When the heavens weep, the earth lives.” For more information, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com.

Disaster Assistance

Our hearts are with the farmers, businesses and landowners who were affected by the severe flooding in April.

Mahalo to the City and County of Honolulu, University of Hawaii at Mānoa Cooperative Extension, and the partners who participated in the Honolulu Disaster Recovery Centers to assist farmers, residents and businesses affected.

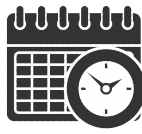
Disaster relief efforts such as soil testing for heavy metals and replacement seeds for school gardens under water were provided by the Agricultural Diagnostic Service Center (ADSC) as a service by the University of Hawaii At Manoa, CTAHR. [Contact](#) for more information.

A list of supporting agencies for these and other needs is below.

[Oahu's Disaster Assistance Referral List](http://www.honolulu.gov/rep/site/dem/DRC_Agencies.pdf)
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West Oahu SWCD celebrated Earth Day with an artistic, regional look at soils of O'ahu with students and community at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. Mahalo to the partners at Sustainable UH for hosting.



Calendar of Events

Ag Events and Deadlines:

May 5: Parade of Farms with Oahu RC&D
 May 7: HFUU Waianae Chapter Meeting
 May 8: South County Farm Bureau Meeting at HARC Lower Kunia, 6:00
 May 14: HFUU Waimanalo Chapter Meeting at Ai Love Nalo, 6:30
 May 22: West Oahu SWCD Meeting at CPS, 12:30
 June 27: NIFA grant Pre-Application

[Hawaii Farm to School Calendar](#)



Online Workshops with NRCS:

Visit NRCS's online training opportunities and a list of archived webinars [here](#)



United States Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture

Applications to the FY 2018 Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Agricultural Systems (SAS) Request for Applications (RFA) must focus on approaches that promote transformational changes in the U.S. food and agriculture system within the next 25 years. NIFA seeks creative and visionary applications that take a systems approach, and that will significantly improve the supply of abundant, affordable, safe, nutritious, and accessible food, while providing sustainable opportunities for expansion of the bioeconomy through novel animal, crop, and forest products and supporting technologies. These approaches must demonstrate current and future social, behavioral, economic, health, and environmental impacts. Additionally, the outcomes of the work being proposed must result in societal benefits, including promotion of rural prosperity and enhancement of quality of life for those involved in food and agricultural value chains from production to utilization and consumption. See AFRI SAS RFA for details.

Letter of intent due 6/23/2018

Final Application due 10/10/2018

[Link to more information](#)

West Oahu SWCD's Next Meeting: May 22, 2018 at 12:30pm

Location of all meetings: 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 Directors: Mike Glidden and Kalani Fronda

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