

# West Oahu SWCD

West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

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



## AG2019

### 2019 Hawaii Agriculture Conference:

The 2019 Hawai'i Agriculture Conference (AG2019) will be held **October 15-16, 2019** at the Hawai'i Convention Center. Proposal submissions are open! Sponsors welcome. The theme is: **AGdaptation: Hawaii's Growing Opportunity**. Click here to [find out more](#) or contact: [Agconference@agleaderhi.org](mailto:Agconference@agleaderhi.org)

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Hosted by the Agriculture Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i (ALFH). Ag 2019: Hawaii's premiere, all-sector agriculture conference. Please join us!



**FEATURED PARTNER:**

**The North Shore Economic Vitality Partnership**

The North Shore EVP's mission is to improve communication, networking and civic and civil engagement across the communities of the North Shore. The organization promotes community-driven solutions that integrate the region's traditional strengths of agriculture, manufacturing and hospitality with new opportunities to build a strong and resilient economic foundation for the region.

For the Ag community, this includes the development of Group GAP training and a food hub. Upcoming North Shore EVP opportunities include pesticide safety training in March and a Cohort 3 GroupGAP training program. Connect with staff at [info@nsevp.org](mailto:info@nsevp.org) for more information.

The current Cohort 2 participants include 9 farms from Waimanalo to Waialua: Voyaging Foods, Keolamau Tomatoes, Amber 8, Sunrise Herbs, Zhao's Produce, Season's Organics, GoFarm! North Shore, Mahina Pau, and ECO farm. They grow everything from sweet potatoes and ulu to basil and diversified vegetables and are building the safety and marketability of their operations through the North Shore EVP program.

Great work, North Shore EVP!

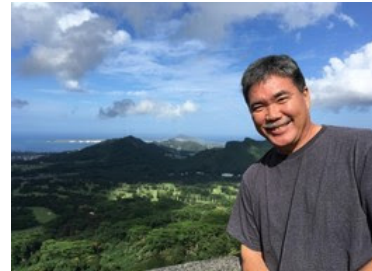
\* Sourced from the North Shore EVP e-news

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**[Oahu Conservation Planner for HACD and NRCS](#)**

Richard Ogoshi is a conservation specialist with the Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts, one of many partner organizations of the Natural Resource Conservation Service. He attended the University of Hawaii and Iowa State University majoring in agronomy.

He worked at the University of Hawaii in the Department of Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences conducting research in crop modeling, bioenergy, and crop management for resource-poor farmers.



In his spare time, he grows lettuce in a static hydroponic table and tomatoes and pole bean in a solar powered Dutch bucket system in the backyard. His goal is to become self-sufficient in dinner salad produce

- Sourced from the NRCS PIA e-news. Issue #21



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### 2019 Produce Safety Webinar Series for Growers

The Food Safety Modernization (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule affects fruit and vegetable growers.

Attend these one-hour webinars for information about best practices, risk management and regulatory requirements.

Fridays: 3/15 \* 3/22 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

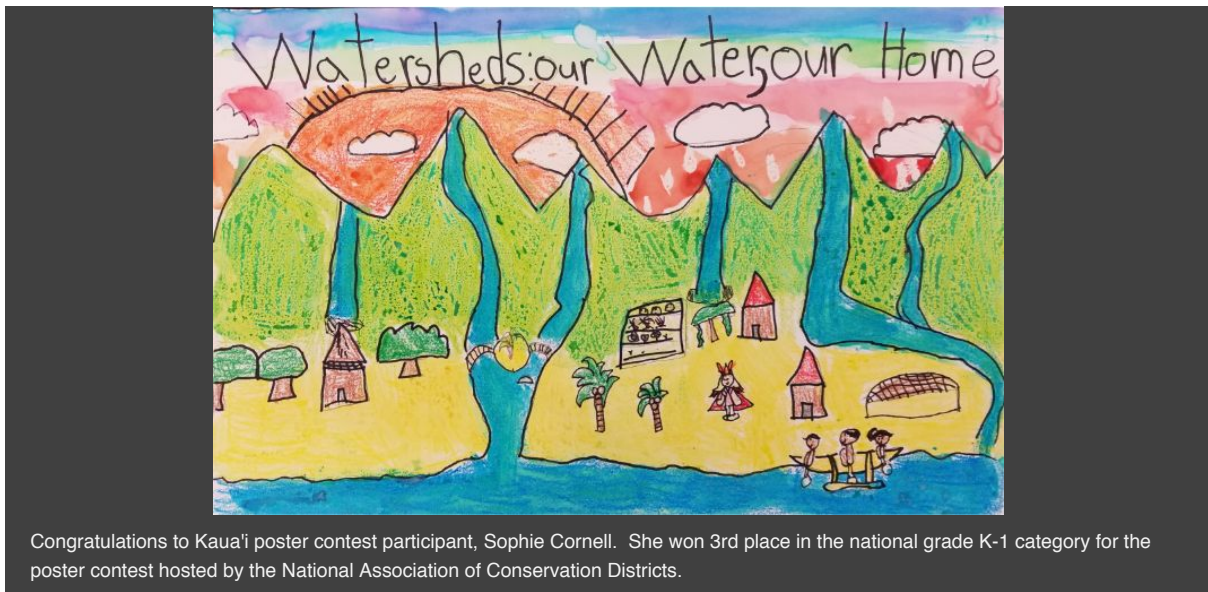
Registration is free

**March 15, 2019:** Are You Exempt From The Produce Safety Rule?

**Register:** <https://produce-safety-march1.eventbrite.com>

**March 22nd:** Having An On-Farm Readiness Review On Your Farm

**Register:** <https://produce-safety-march15.eventbrite.com>



### Opportunity Corner: Grants, Funding, and more

#### Pacific Climate Science Adaptation Center

Scientists and scholars affiliated with the Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center (PI CASC) University Consortium (see table below) and USGS centers, field stations and laboratories may submit proposals in response to this Funding Opportunity. Deadline for submission of Statements of Interest March 21, 2019.

\*Must work with a University

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### **Manufacturing Assistance Grant Program**

HTDC's Manufacturing Assistance Program Grant (MAP) offers Hawaii-based manufacturers up to a 20% reimbursement (up to \$100,000) on qualified expenses to help Hawaii manufacturers become globally competitive. Qualifying expenses include: equipment purchases, training, energy efficiency projects, and manufacturing feasibility studies.

Close March 15

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### **Hawaii Investment Ready**

Ready to take your impact to the next level? Apply for the HIR cohort.

The program strengthens both for and not for profit enterprises with scalable solutions to regional and global challenges. HIR focuses on companies integrating a Hawai'i worldview – with impact themes like education, family, community, culture and language, and resource conservation – into their core business.

The HIR Accelerator program utilizes its unique regional toolkit of training and coaching that provides a fully integrative capacity building experience.

Compelling statistics compiled by HIR - reflective of participants:

- \$26M in annual revenue
- \$12M in capital raised attributed to HIR
- 300 jobs and counting
- \$2M beneficiaries and customers

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### **HDOA Food Safety Grants**

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) is currently accepting applications for grants to help Hawaii farmers and ranchers with the cost of bringing their operations in compliance with state and federal food safety regulations aimed at preventing foodborne illnesses.

During the 2018 session, the state legislature appropriated a total of \$475,000 toward the grant program to help local food producers comply with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) and other state food safety requirements.

Hawaii farmers and ranchers may apply for reimbursement of costs up to \$5,000 which will be distributed on a pro rata basis depending on the number of applicants and reimbursements costs submitted. The application deadline is April 15, 2019.

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## 2019 We Grow Hawai'i Youth Garden Conference

Saturday, March 30, 2019

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.

Island Pacific Academy

This conference gives students a voice to share their school garden and 'aina experiences through individual or group project presentations, displays, or hands-on activities.

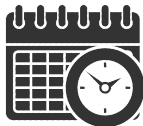
We welcome educators, administrators, and interested community members to join us as we support students participating in garden and place-based education in Hawai'i.

To register, please use one of the following links: School Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/onN9NoWleae0GMyr1> (for teachers bringing students)

General Registration Form: <https://goo.gl/forms/Lmo58yn4OMCGzsFo1> (for individuals and family members)

A couple notes:

- For students: Kokua Hawai'i Foundation will kick-off the conference with a cooking activity. Students will work together to prepare a brunch using school garden and farm-fresh local produce, so please bring what you can to contribute from your school gardens!
- NEW THIS YEAR: While student participants prepare a delicious brunch, educators will join community experts to learn valuable tips on topics including how to grow bucket hydroponics, raising worms, and growing edible tree varieties.
- OPPORTUNITY: There are still opportunities for students to present and share project displays. If you know a student or team of students eager to share what they are learning, please sign up to present HERE: <https://goo.gl/forms/8OBNYjgKomqziJQh1>



### Calendar of Events

#### **MARCH Dates to Remember**

March 13, 2019 - "Forest to Frame: Mass Timber from a Hawai'i Perspective" workshop 8:00 am to 1:30 pm

March 15 - HDOA webinar - [Produce Safety Rule webinar](#)

March 19 - 5 - 6:30. Final **Re-Tree Hawaii Koa workshop at Lokoea Farm, Haleiwa**. FREE outplanting and koa care workshop. All attendees receive a wilt-resistant koa tree. Register: WestOahuSWCD@gmail.com

March 21 - **Pesticide Safety Workshop** - North Shore EVP: [info@nsevp.org](mailto:info@nsevp.org)

**March 22:** HDOA webinar - **Having An On-farm Readiness Review On Your Farm**

<https://produce-safety-march22.eventbrite.com>

March 23 from 8:30 - 2:30 Oahu [Farm To Keiki Workshop](#)

March 26, 2019 at 12:30pm: **West Oahu SWCD monthly meeting** - WestOahuSWCD@gmail.com

March 30, 2019 **We Grow Hawai'i Youth Garden Conference** Saturday, March 30, 2019 - [Register](#)

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APRIL MEETING DATES



April 5-6, 2019.: Two day ulu workshop! [www.breadfruit.info](http://www.breadfruit.info)

April 23, 2019 - Earth Day at UH Manoa from 10AM-2PM at Campus Center

April 2019 TBD: Guidelines for Community Engagement Workshop. Interested in attending? Email: [WestOahuSWCD@gmail.com](mailto:WestOahuSWCD@gmail.com)

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**West Oahu SWCD's Next Meeting:** March 26, 2019 at 12:30pm.

**Location of meetings:** Nutrien Conference Room (formerly Crop Production Services), 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

About Us: The West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District is committed to building partnerships that strengthen agriculture in Hawaii and contribute to a vibrant island community, environment, and economy.

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