

CENTRAL MAUI SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m., at the USDA NRCS Kahului field office.

Present

Directors: Mike Silva, Yarrow Flower, Mike Murakami, and Darren Strand

Associate Directors: Michael Reyes, Randall Moore, and Richard Sylva

USDA NRCS: Jill Ficke-Beaton

Maui SWCD Staff: Jason Hew, Becky Diven, and Maggie Kramp

II. Minutes of September 16, 2019

The board approved the minutes of September 16, 2019.

III. Treasurer's Report

The board acknowledged receiving the treasurer's report via email. There were questions regarding the first sheet (breakdown of funding/sources), pages 2 and 3 of the report (bank account register), and page 4 P&L report (negative balance). The P&L report covered transactions from September 14, 2019 through January 17, 2020. The first page was a breakdown by projects/funding sources. Total amount in the treasury is \$64,579.14.

IV. Correspondence – none

V. Southwest Maui Watershed Plan – Michael Reyes

The Southwest Maui Watershed Plan was approved by DOH. DOH asked for a wish list of projects and offered \$50K for a riparian rehabilitation project on Keokea Gulch. The project will include installation of ohia fences, girdling kiawe, buffel grass removal, planting of native dryland forest species, and use R1 water from the wastewater treatment plant. Future projects may include control of feral ungulates.

Central Maui SWCD will receive the funds and will be working with Haleakala Ranch on the riparian rehabilitation project. Grant fund line items will include watershed coordinator

and administrative fees in the plan. Project contractors/subcontractors will also be required to name CMSWCD on its liability insurance.

Michael Reyes also reached out to other stakeholders for their input on possible projects, whereby funding could go to other nonprofit groups for future projects.

The 319(h) funds should also fund a Southwest Maui watershed coordinator position for outreach and development of plans/projects, like Tova Callender’s position in West Maui.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to the County regarding SWCD accomplishments for publicity purposes.

VI. County Grading/Grubbing Permit Plans

PROJECT NAME	TMK	TOTAL ACRES	AFFECTED ACRES or SQ FT
D&D Towing (Revised Plan)	3-8-104: 006 Lot 2-F	2.2	2.2
MAUI LANI PHASE 8 INCREMENT 2 SUBDIVISION	3-8-007: POR OF 151	46.7	6.8
Kihei High School- Phase 2 (revised plan)	2-2-002:081	77.2	77.2
UHMC Lower Parking Lot Repair	3-7-002: 0141; 3-8-007:040	3.2	3.2

VII. Cooperative Agreements/Conservation Plans – Jason Hew

Pending plans:

1. Mahi Pono Heavy Use Protection Area
2. Ax Ranch Reservoir

VIII. Conservation Awareness Program – Land Judging Contest

Available funds for the BHS Ag Team to compete in the National Land Judging Contest is \$7279.67. Donations pending are \$500 each from HACD and Goodfellow Brothers. WMSWCD and OKSWCD will be donating \$500 each if needed.

IX. NRCS

- A. MOA

There are concerns regarding the MOA. WMSWCD would like to discuss it at the HACD level and possibly with DLNR. A supplemental MOA supposed to be drafted to address office space and vehicle use.

Date for next HACD meeting is unknown.

B. Jill Ficke-Beaton, NRCS District Conservationist Report

- Personnel/Office Management
 - Appreciate having new SWCD employees Becky Diven and Makana Naeole on board.
 - Conservation Desktop Training, February 4 – 7, 2020
 - Jill is serving as DC for Maui County (Hoolehua and Kahului Field Office)
 - The DC Position in Hoolehua is Open for Applicants
 - Quality Assurance Review Scheduled for August 2020
 - Adam Reed would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the new contribution agreement. A new Doodle Poll will be generated.

- Farm Bill Program
 - Application Deadline, February 21,2020
 - Kahului Field Office Fund Pool, \$300K, Allocation Less Than Expected
 - Joint Chief Program for West Maui, 2K Acres Slated for Brush Management
 - Although the Agricultural Management Assistance Program (AMA) is not included in fund pool, applications are being accepted
 - Self-Certification of AGI Process with the Farm Service Agency

C. National Association of Conservation Districts

Maui will be hosting the NACD Southwest and Pacific Region Conference, September 15 and 16, 2020, Royal Lahaina Resort.

D. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Meeting Recorder: Maggie Kramp