

CENTRAL MAUI SWCD MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 9:34 a.m., at the USDA Natural Conservation Service Kahului field office.

Present:

Directors: Mike Silva, Mike Murakami, Mae Nakahata, and Darren Strand

Associate Directors: Richard Silva, and Michael Reyes

USDA NRCS: Jill Ficke-Beaton, DC

Maui SWCD Staff: Maggie Kramp, Jason Hew, and Hannah Lutgen

II. Minutes of June 24, 2019

Correction to Minutes:

- I. Present Associate Director: *Yarrow Flower, Michael Reyes, and Richard Sylva*
- II. Minutes of April 30, 2019: *Mike Silva moved to accept the minutes*

Mike Murakami moved to accept minutes of June 24, 2019 as amended, seconded by Darren Strand, motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report – emailed to directors

- NRCS Contribution Working Agreement

The CWA is based on reimbursements on work that is done. Receiving reimbursements from NRCS is challenging. Central Maui SWCD did not receive payment for the period of April, May, June 2019. Maggie Kramp requested to borrow money from the administrative assistant funds to get Jason Hew and Hannah Lutgen paid.

Darren Strand moved to authorize borrowing administrative funds, seconded by Mike Murakami, motion carried.

- The board acknowledged receipt of the treasurer's report via email.

IV. Correspondence

A. Local Work Group Meeting, September 17, 2019, 8:30 a.m., UH-MC Bldg 205

The purpose of this meeting is to get input from partner agencies, farmers and ranchers on resource concerns, priority areas, and ranking criteria.

Issue with AGI continues to be a concern in order to get Farm Bill assistance.

## V. Southwest Maui Watershed Plan

Michael Reyes emailed an updated version of the plan in word document form. Directors are encouraged to review the plan. Deadline to comment is September 30, 2019. Otherwise, the plan is ready to submit to Darcy Iwashita, DOH.

Olinda-Kula SWCD is aware of the plan. The updated plan will also be forward to the Olinda-Kula SWCD board for review.

## VI. County Grading/Grubbing Permit Plans

### A. Comments Submitted to DSA

1. Wailuku Civic Complex – Phase 1-B (O&M Plan); TMK: 3-4-013: 051, 060, 075, 102, 104
2. Maui Lani Phase 8 Increment 1 Subdivision; TMK: 3-8-007: 151
3. Maui Full Gospel Church Parking Lot; TMK: 3-8-025: 008

### B. Pending/New Plans – final comments not submitted to DSA yet

1. G.T.I. Transit Hub; TMK: 3-8-104: 013 (revised plan appears to be adequate)
2. Piiholo South Subdivision; TMK: 2-4-012: 040 to 045 (plan not adequate, James Ino will contact Stacey Otomo)

### Discussion:

- Individual subdivision lots adding ohana units after permit plan creates drainage problems
- Calculations on stormwater systems
- Small permits that do not require review are part of runoff problems.
- We may want to revise the SWCD checklist
- Education outreach program
- Suggest a field visit to areas of concern

## VII. Cooperative Agreements/Conservation Plan

### A. Hannah Lutgen, Conservation Specialist

1. NRCS approved Farm Bill Contract in Pukalani for cropland with emphasis on wildlife habitat
- 2.

Darren Strand moved to approve Collen Sword's plan as prepared and presented by Hannah Lutgen, seconded by Mae Nakahata, motion carried.

B. Jason Hew, Conservation Specialist presented 3 NRCS approved Farm Bill contracts

1. Plan for removal of invasive plant species and manage upland wildlife habitat
2. Micro irrigation plan in Kula
3. Irrigation plan that includes a reservoir and pond liner, and irrigation water management

Mike Murakami moved to accept the plans prepared and presented by Jason Hew, seconded by Mae Nakahata, motion carried.

VIII. NRCS Report – Field Office Update by Jill Ficke-Beaton

- House Keeping: vehicle management tool, and carpet cleaning
- Farm Bill Update: 16 EQIP and 2 CSP contracts
- Farm Bill Sign Up Period, January 2020
- NRCS Staffing Updates
- Training for Jason Hew and Hannah to become certified planners
- Jill is on the national training team for conservation desktop and conservation ranking tool
- Cultural resource review

There was also discussion regarding cultural resource reviews. Mae Nakahata mentioned that the County is in the process of hiring an archaeologist and hope this person can help the SWCD planners with CTA plans.

IX. Other Business

An executive session to discuss personnel matters has been scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

X. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Submitted by



Mae Nakahata

Secretary

meeting recorder: Maggie Kramp

