

West Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting  
Wednesday, October 7, 2020

I. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 3:08 p.m. via Zoom.

Present

Directors:

Jay Nobriga, Ian Swezey, Kimo Falconer, and Kainoa Casco

Associate Directors:

Wes Nohara, Daniel Ornellas (DLNR District Land Agent), Kristi Ono, and Mike Kehano

Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts:

Michelle Watkins

State DLNR:

James Gomes, Board of Land & Natural Resources; and Tiger Mills, Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands

County of Maui:

Conklin Wright, Planning Department

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service:

Gerald Gregory, and Jason Hew

SWCD Staff:

Kelly Butler, Jessica Talbot, and Maggie Kramp

Others:

Lawrence Carnicelli, Olowalu Elua Association; and Kai Nishiki

II. Minutes of September 15, 2020

Kimo Falconer moved to accept the minutes of September 15, 2020, seconded by Ian Swezey, motion carried.

III. Olowalu Discussion

The purpose of the Olowalu discussion is to hear concerns as requested by Kai Nishiki.

Receipt of written testimonies from Cayce Richardson, Sandi Ioakimi, Ellen Garrison, and Paula Alcoseba were acknowledged, and copies were distributed to the board via email.

Kai Nishiki gave a report on brown water and several violation concerns relating to construction activities by Olowalu Elua Association and requested the conservation plan be revoked.

Lawrence Carnicelli stated that he met with multiple government agencies and all basically said the brown water is due to coastal erosion and not any site runoff as there were no rain events in

Olowalu. Regarding the conservation plan, Lawrence would like to continue work on ag lands, and said putting in an orchard is a benefit to the soil, and not a detriment to the soil. They are also not uprooting trees on state land.

Discussion with partnering agency personnel:

- The conservation plan area is for private land. Conservation practices on field 3, which includes brush management, woody residue treatment, and mulching. Implementation of conservation practices that are left to do is removal of slash pile and spreading of mulch throughout the field.
- Need to identify boundary between private and state land.
- According to county inspector, a lot of work has been done. Field 3 was extended to the shoreline area, and field 2 had a lot of mulch
- The area is within the SMA and DLNR OCCL is currently recognizing the cease and desist order.

Board concerns:

- The board has no option and need to place the conservation plan on hold due to notice of violations and cease and desist orders. Stopping work with bare ground will be detrimental to the ocean, and the ground needs to be protected.

Kimo Falconer moved to postpone the Olowalu Elua Associates LLC conservation plan and communicate with the County Planning Department on protecting the area, mauka of the shoreline to avoid future damage, despite stop work orders. Motion seconded by Kainoa Casco. Motion carried.

#### IV. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Submitted by  
/s/ Ian Swezey  
Secretary

Meeting Recorder: Maggie Kramp