



Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

Date: Thursday January 14, 2021

Time: 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Place: USDA-NRCS Waimea Field Office: 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy Suite H-148, Kamuela, HI, 96743

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Start: 4:04 p.m.

I. Approval of Agenda

- Amend agenda: added for plan approval Patrick Lau and Peter Andrade and sub-division review for SUB-20-001995
- Approved

II. Approval/Review of Minutes- 12/9/2020- Approved

III. Treasurer's Report

Lau

- NWQI deliverable 1 paid out from wishard
- Altres payroll from county
- Approved

IV. Chairman's Report- None

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V. Committee Report- None

VI. Farm Dwelling Review- None



VII. Sub-division Review

- SUB-20-001995
 - Zibasara, LLC
 - 105.64 acres into 4 lots (42.07, 21.03, 21.14, & 21.36 acres)
 - Blue line stream near property but not on property but sub-division won't affect blue line stream
 - Board concluded no concern with sub-division

VIII. Agreement/Contract Approval

- a. Cooperative Agreement
 - i. Billy Andrade Ranch LLC
 - Grazing and tibouchina removal
 - Mow and spray tibouchina
 - Approved
 - ii. Leonard S.C. Pang
 - Grazing
 - Lot of sour grass, maybe remove and plant forage grass
 - Approved
- b. Plan Approval
 - i. Sherilynn Wahine Kapu
 - Grazing
 - Catchment, cross fencing, fencing earthen pond
 - Approved
 - ii. Patrick Lau
 - Grazing
 - Previous contract with same property
 - Adding in more cross fencing, troughs in each paddock
 - Approved. Brad Lau abstained from voting due to conflict of interest
 - iii. Peter Andrade
 - Grazing
 - Previous contract with same property
 - Guava removal- chemical and manual cut
 - Cross fencing and troughs
 - Approved
- c. Plan Revision- None



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- d. Plan Update- **None**
- e. Plan Cancellation- **None**

IX. Reports, Correspondence, and Announcements

a. NRCS

Cook

i. Program update

- 29 applications, 1 cancellation, 1 haven't heard back from. 27 applications total
- \$900,000 for EQIP and \$ 25,000 for soil health assistance
- Still under discussion but beginning farmer and socially disadvantage is rank high if less than 2 resource concerns may no longer be an option for ranking
- Doing inventories with all applicants
- Bureau of reclamation contacted USDA to provide water quality assistance in Waimea for the Kohala and Kehena ditch systems for restoration work. Can work with producers if ditch system goes through their property. Can only work on ditch system on producer's property and not off property. Still in discussion.

b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant

Fernandez

- Participated in a bunch of online refresher courses for NRCS practices
- NWQI meetings
- 4 intakes and inventories since last board meeting
- GIS mapping for Nobriga
- County quarter 2 report due on 1/15/2021
- Requested for NWQI funding for deliverable 2
- 2021 goals: seek outside funding sources and help with NRCS contracts to become familiar with the contracting process

X. Old Business

a. NWQI update

- Current update:
 - o Implementation part
 - o Meetings changed to every other week

b. Vehicle liability through NRCS & HACD

- Current update:
 - o Still haven't heard back about insurance

c. Altres unemployment rate change

- Current update:
 - o Increase in fees due to COVID affecting unemployment



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XI. New Business- None

XII. Adjournment

End: 4:56 p.m.

Next MKSWCD Meeting February 10, 2021 4:00-6:00 P.M. at USDA-NRCS Waimea Field Office. Individuals requiring special assistance or auxiliary aid or services (e.g., sign language interpreter, wheel chair accessibility, or parking designated for the disabled) at the Mauna Kea Soil and Water Conservation District meeting, please contact staff at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at 808-885-6602 ext.102 so that arrangements can be made.