

## CENTRAL MAUI SWCD MEETING

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

### I. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m., via Zoom.

#### Present

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

Associate Director: Richard Sylva

USDA-NRCS: Gerald Gregory, and Jason Hew

HACD: Michelle Watkins

SWCD Staff: Jessica Talbot, Kelly Butler, Morris Haole, and Maggie Kramp

Bayer: Edgar Cordeiro

### II. Minutes of September 29, 2021

Yarrow Flower moved to accept the minutes of September 29, 2021, seconded by Darren Strand, motion carried.

### III. Cooperator Agreement and Conservation Plans

Jason Hew presented 4 Farm Bill plans to the CMSWCD board:

#### 1. Compassion Farms Foundation

The Compassion Farms Foundation plan is an Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) contract for livestock. They are located on Baldwin Avenue.

Yarrow Flower moved to accept the Compassion Farms Foundation plan, seconded by Mike Murakami, motion carried.

#### 2. Imua Energy

Imua Energy is commonly known as the sunflower field, located at the corner of Honoapiilani and Kuihelani Highway. The plan is an EQIP contract for irrigation, conservation crop rotation, cover crop, mulching, and soil carbon amendment.

Darren Strand moved to accept Imua Energy's conservation plan, seconded by Mike Murakami, motion carried.

### 3. Kihapai Horticultural LLC

Kihapai Horticultural LLC is in Wailuku Country Estates. Their plan is a Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contract to remove invasive species, apply mulch materials, and establish food producing trees and cultural plantings.

Mike Murakami moved to accept the conservation plan for Kihapai Horticultural LLC, seconded by Darren Strand, motion carried.

### 4. Native Nursery LLC

The Native Nursery plan is a CSP contract to remove invasive species from forest land, mulch existing trees on cropland, and install culturally significant plant species. The nursery is located on Naalae Rd.

Yarrow Flower moved to accept Native Nursery's conservation plan, seconded by Darren Strand, motion carried.

A question was raised regarding the SWCD boundaries. Discussion with the Olinda-Kula, West Maui, and Hana SWCD was suggested.

## IV. Upcountry Maui Regional Drought Resiliency Targeted Conservation Proposal

Gerald Gregory gave a presentation on the Upcountry Maui Regional Drought Resiliency TCD Proposal to the board and will present it to the Olinda-Kula SWCD board as well.

The proposal is a 5-year plan that addresses soil health, insufficient water resources, water quality degradation, limitations on livestock production, plant pest, etc.

Comments:

- Important that the SWCDs and partners meet more frequently to discuss resource concerns and create proposals.

- Recommend Gerald Gregory advise the Hana and West Maui SWCD boards, so they are aware of this project and TCD priority.
- AGI limitation excludes large landowners that want to participate in the Farm Bill Program.

Yarrow Flower moved to approve the proposal with continuing work over the 5-year time frame, seconded by Darren Strand, motion carried.

#### V. Associate Directors

Edgar Cordeiro was nominated to serve as Central Maui SWCD associate director. The purpose of nominating associate directors is to grow a succession plan for the board.

Edgar is the farm manager at Bayer's Mokulele farm. He is from Puerto Rico and has been on Maui since 2014. He volunteered at the SWCD land judging contest. Edgar also looks forward to learning opportunities and serving on the board.

Yarrow Flower moved to have Edgar Cordeiro serve as Central Maui SWCD associate director, seconded by Mike Murakami, motion carried.

#### VI. Other Business

Yarrow Flower announced that she is ending her position with Bayer and resigning from the Central Maui SWCD board at the end of November 2021. Fulfilling Yarrow's position will be on the agenda for the next CMSWCD meeting.

#### VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

A Doodle Poll will be generated to schedule a meeting next month.

Meeting Recorder: Maggie Kramp