

Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting  
Wednesday, September 29, 2021

I. Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m., via Zoom.

Present

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

Associate Director: Randall Moore

USDA NRCS: Gerald Gregory, and Susan Kubo

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

II. Minutes of May 7, 2021

Yarrow Flower moved to accept the minutes of May 7, 2021, seconded by Darren Strand, motion carried.

III. Treasurer's Report

Directors acknowledged receipt of the treasurer's report via email.

IV. Correspondence

1. Email from DLNR regarding SWCD agendas and Peter Fritz
2. Care 55 County Ordinance Proposal Relating to Wetlands Restoration

Comments:

- WOTUS Issue – Federal law contains provisions for exemption for farmers
- It is not clear if the proposed County Ordinance will exempt farmers
- Need clear definition on where they are getting information on mapping

3. Copy of Hired and Non-Owned Auto Liability Insurance from Gretchen Rank, National Conservation District Employees Association - Southwest Region Director

Comment:

- NACD should be releasing insurance benefit information for SWCDs on October 4, 2021

V. County Grading/Grubbing Permit Plans

Comments Submitted to DSA: 7 plans		
CENTRAL MAUI LANDFILL 3A	3-8-003: 019	GT2020/0323
KAONOULU RANCH (LARGE) LOT SUBDIVISION No. 2, KAONOULU RANCH - WATER TANK SUBDIVISION, KAONOULU MARKET PLACE, PIILANI PROMENADE	3-9-01: 016	2.2795 2-2995 GT20190093

Keokea-Waiohuli Development Phase 2B	2-2-002: 014	2.3392
HAWAII REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS	3-5-001: 063-0004	GT2021/0085
H2 RESIDENTIAL PROJECT	2-1-005: 85	GT2021/0147
MAUI RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY PARK - OFFSITE BASINS	2-2-002: 084, 085; 2-2-024: 014	GT20210174
CML STORAGE BUILDING/INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY PH 1	3-8-003: 019	GT2016/0171
2 Plans Appear to be Adequate. Just received comments from James Ino, and need to draft letter to DSA		
POLYNESIAN ADVENTURE TOURS	3-8-104: 026	GT2021/0172
MODULE 2 AT KEHALANI <i>(plan is within CM and WM District)</i>	3-5-001: 075	GT20070011
5 Plans Pending Further Review (most are not adequate)		
MAUI RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY PARK MASS GRADING LOTS 6 ,7, 8	2-2-024: 042, 043, 044	GT20200062
Hoku 'Ula (Haliimaile Residential Subdivision)	2-5-003:029	GT2021/017
WAILUKU APARTMENTS PH.1	3-5-001: 064	GT2021/0182
GRAND WAILEA RESORT RENOVATION	2-1-008: 019	GT2021/0208
PIILANI HIGHWAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS VICINITY OF KULANIHAKOI ST	2-2-025	GT2021/0197

James Ino contacts engineering firms directly to discuss concerns, and sometimes have little to no response. It was suggested that after a month of no response, the SWCD should send concerns to the County DSA. DSA also have a deadline for comments.

Procedures may be changing. The County sent a letter to NRCS regarding contact information for the new online procedure. was sent to the County for the County's new online procedure has not been fully launched.

#### VI. Keokea Gulch Riparian Rehabilitation Project

- Michael Reyes currently conducting site inspection
- Bayer provided a crew of volunteers to assist with installing irrigation and planting
- Project proposal submitted to DOH to continue project

#### VII. Cooperator Agreement and Conservation Plans

Jessica Talbot, Conservation Specialist presented three Mahi Pono Community Farms conservation plans:

1. Jason Smith, Maui Bee Farm – reduce soil erosion and protect pollinator habitat by planting windbreaks and cover crop
2. Maui Farmed Eatery – implementing cover crop and windbreaks to reduce soil erosion and damage to crops
3. Sherrie Klappert – planting cover crops and multiple windbreaks to reduce wind erosion

Yarrow Flower moved to approve conservation the three conservation plans, seconded by Darren Strand, motion carried.

Gerald Gregory reported on a berm and tenant issue at Kula Ag Park.

Comments/Suggestions:

- The SWCD is a service entity, not regulatory.
- It was suggested for Gerald to contact JoAnne Inamasu at the County Office of Economic Development to discuss conservation planning and its lessees.
- The Kula Ag Park should also have a master plan, which includes main conservation features within each lot.
- New tenants should also get a new conservation plan.

VIII. USDA NRCS Report – Gerald Gregory

NRCS is changing its Farm Bill Program to Targeted Conservation Delivery. Part of the process is a long-range plan. A final draft of the plan will be presented to the Maui SWCD boards.

Gerald Gregory and Mae Nakahata have been working on a draft drought resiliency plan for Upcountry Maui, focusing on soil health and weather station to improve irrigation usage. The final draft will be presented to CMSWCD and OKSWCD.

IX. Other Business

A. Director Positions

Board of director succession plan to grow associate director positions for future voting board members.

Yarrow Flower would like to invite Edgar Cordeiro to the next CMSWCD meeting and nominate him to serve as an associate director.

X. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Submitted by

*/s/ Mae Nakahata*

10/5/2021

Secretary

Meeting Recorder: Maggie Kramp