

**KONA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA**

**Meeting Location UPDATE: Kealakekua Service Center (Building 9)
81-948 Waena'Oihana Loop #101**

Kealakekua, Hawaii 96750

808-339-9042

Monthly Meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2022 8:00am – 10:00am

RULES OF ORDER WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ALL ATTENDEES

Considering the evolving COVID-19 situation, protecting the health and welfare of the community is of utmost concern. As such, the meeting will be held with remote options, with board members, staff and applicants participating via an optional online meeting venue.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84646214823?pwd=VjQ4U1pvRHR0MDk2U2FuU2xyOXJndz09>

Meeting ID: 846 4621 4823 Passcode: 581810

***TESTIMONY:** Interested persons can submit written testimony in advance of each meeting that will be distributed to Board Members prior to the meeting. **Written testimony must be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting** to ensure time for Board Members to review it. Late written testimony will be retained as part of the record, but we cannot assure Board Members will receive it with sufficient time for review prior to decision-making. Submit written testimony to kswcd@kswcd.org*

*To provide **live oral/video testimony** during the online meeting, **email your request to kswcd@kswcd.org at least 24 hours in advance, with your name, phone number, email address, and the agenda item** on which you would like to testify. Once your request has been received, you will receive an email with the Zoom link via which to testify. You will need a computer with internet access, video camera and microphone to participate. If you require access by phone only, please indicate that in your email request. Testimony will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per person per agenda item.*

The Board may go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), Hawaii Revised Statutes, in order to consult with its attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.

Individuals requiring special assistance or auxiliary aids or services (e.g., sign language interpreter), please contact staff at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at 808-339-9042 so that arrangements can be made.

- I. **WELCOME:** Call Kona Soil and Water Conservation District (KSWCD) Board Meeting to Order 8:00 am
J. Knowles
- II. **MINUTES:** Approval of KSWCD Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 17, 2022. All
- III. **REPORTS:**
- A. **KONA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (KSWCD) FINANCIAL REPORTS** R. Hill
Review monthly financial reports.
- i. **Accounts Payable**
 - ii. **Statement of Financial Position**
 - iii. **Statement of Financial Income and Expense**
- B. **CONSERVATION ASSISTANT REPORTS (KSWCD)** R. Hill / M. Robblee
- i. **NRCS / USDA (SF-425, SF-270, etc.)**
Conservation Technical Assistant (CTA) Financial Reports up to date. Technical Report in process, and reimbursement request once completed.
 - ii. **National and Hawaii Associations of Conservation Districts (NACD & HACD) Reports**
Semi Annual Report being re-sent.
 - iii. **County of Hawaii Report**
Financial and Technical Reports all completed. Marcia is no longer there so Glenn is solo the last we heard.
 - iv. **Big Island Resource Conservation & Development Council (BIRC&D)**
Paid \$200 dues via check. Next meeting **Friday, April 29th from 10a-2pm** Glenn was able to use the County's zoom platform to get us setup. Brandi will send out a group email soon with the link.
- C. **DISTRICT PLANNER REPORTS (KSWCD)** M. Robblee / R. Hill
- i. **Conservation Plan**
TMK (3) 7-2-006:009 / (3) 7-2-003:003 - Gomes Ranch LLC – cleared both CR and Biology and is ready to be reviewed by Kona SWCD. Please see attached.
 - ii. **Conservation Plan**
TMK (3) 8-8-003:001 (88-1575 Hawaii Belt Rd.) Cancino Family Farms - NO response from CFF on letter sent clarifying they have no permit or exemptions.
 - iii. **Cooperative Agreement**
TMK (3) 8-4-004:040 / (3) 8-4-004:012 (84-5234 Mamalahoa Hwy.) Magana Cisneros
 - iv. **Flood Control Structure Tour (Permitted Interaction Group: Steve, Mark & Keli'ikano)**
Tour will include lower side of Hokukano (aware of grading) and is scheduled with County for **Wednesday, May 4th @ 8:00am**
- D. **NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) REPORTS:**
- i. **General NRCS** L. Nelson
Acting Director reported: JB Martin, Deputy State Conservationist, Texas
 - ii. **2022 Farm Bill Program** L. Nelson
 - EQIP contracts being obligated (21)
 - CSP applications being ranked (10)
 - EQIP-CIC and RCPP application eligibility being determined
 - 2023 CSP renewal application cutoff (5)
 - iii. **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)** G. Hendrickson / L. Nelson
 - 2018 RCPP: 1 application selected for funding

- 2022 RCPP: pending agreements with District to support admin. & project management

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- i. **Leo’s Club Update** J. Knowles / R. Hill
 - School plantings.
 - Haleki’i Market paper shredding 4/2/22
 - Public Service Announcements (PSA):
 - ❖ West Hawai’i ad
 - ❖ Kapa and Wave radio spots
 - ❖ Nā Leo public television
- ii. **Hiki Ola** K. Mahi
 - Outreach Grant updates.
 - Kealakekua Mountain Reserve (KMR) Tour 3/31/22
- iii. **Outreach Committee** R. Hill
 - Outreach has been focused with the Leo Club PSA.
 - Website will resume once webmaster is back to work after accident.
- iv. **Cooperator of the Year**
 5 (10 minute PowerPoint Presentation) scheduled for the next Board Meeting, **Thursday, May 19th@ 9:00am-10:00am** – one from each planner.

PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS - REMAINING ACTION ITEMS:

TASK	PERSON	DUE DATE
Local Working Group for TCP Flooding	Jeff, Steve & Lele	More to come...
FY 2022-2023 Outreach Plan based on Field Office model.	Jeff, Robin & Keli’ikanoe. Laura to provide NRCS Model.	TBD
FY 2022-2023 District Annual Work Plan	Jeff Knowles, Barbara Anderson, Keli’ikanoe Mahi and Robin Hill.	TBD

V. NEW BUSINESS

- i. **Grant Opportunities** R. Hill
 - USDA-NRCS-NHQ-CCFWR-21-NOFO0001112
Community Compost and Food Waste Reduction (CCFWR) Pilot Project
 - USDA-NRCS-NHQ-UAIP-21-NOFO0001110
Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Competitive Grants Program
 - NEED TO MOVE NOW ON THIS ONE! Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities – Building Markets and Investing in America’s Climate-Smart Farmers, Ranchers & Forest Owners to Strengthen U.S. Rural and Agricultural Communities
- ii. **County of Hawaii Green Waste UPDATE** J. Knowles/R. Hill
 - Tuesday, April 5th Meeting included Mayor Roth, Brenda Iokepa-Moses, Ramzi Monsour, Bobby Command and Colin Onaka.
 - Mark Bartell, President Hawaii Avocado Association also expressed his concern to NRCS Planner.
 - As we are receiving inquiries about the mulching, it has been suggested we send an email to our big distribution list and tell everyone to contact their council member, or the mayor himself, and voice their concerns about the 3 cu yd limit for mulch. What does the Board think?

VI. ADJOURN