



Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

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Agenda for the meeting of Mauna Kea Soil and Water Conservation District

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022

Time: 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Location: USDA-NRCS Waimea Field Office

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- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval/Review Minutes- 3/10/2022
- III. Treasurer's report Lau
- IV. Chairman's Report von Holt
- V. Committee Report
- VI. Farm Dwelling Review
- VII. Sub-division Review
- VIII. Agreements/Contract Approval
 - a. Cooperative Agreement
 - i. Hamakua Creations LLC
 - b. Plan Approval
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 - ii. Jessica Middleton
 - c. Plan Revision
 - d. Plan Update
 - e. Plan Cancellation
- IX. Reports, Correspondence and Announcements
 - a. NRCS
 - i. Program update Cook



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- b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant Fernandez
- X. Old Business
- a. P. von Holt asked about the activity level for plan approval on agenda, asked if not getting a lot of people applying or inquiring about NRCS programs.
 - i. S. Cook- NRCS had put off doing intakes until late spring/summer to help with reduce work load during contracting season. Intakes will resume in a few months
 - ii. S. Cook- All FY2021 contracts has been approved
 - iii. G. Cellier- For clarification plan approval is referring to the conservation plan
 - b. G. Cellier brought up a concern about grown frustration among some producers about plans not moving fast enough and producers are giving up and take chance if someone files a complaint.
 - i. Understands that SHPD can be a hold up and acknowledges that the plans he has done through HSWCD and MKSWCD went relatively fast and smoothly beside the SHPD hold up
 - ii. NRCS response- Focus is the financial assistance side to the planning which limits the ability for planners to do CTA planning (non-financial assistance). Therefore, districts took over the CTA planning and the districts are limited by staffing and available funds. If CTA clients do engineering practices, NRCS engineer will review accept engineering designs to make sure it meets NRCS specifications.
 - iii. MKSWCD response- district is a governing body that works with NRCS to approve plans as long as they meet NRCS standards and specification. Board to help make connections between land owners and uses. District does the planning without providing financial assistance.
 - iv. Similarly to SHPD, NRCS clients also needs to go through cultural resources and usually this can be the hold up for starting implementing practices on the conservation plan. Clients cannot start without being given the green light by NRCS
 - v. W. Rice- Track plans as a board. If on agenda it has a date. Track how long it takes to approve plans.
 - vi. Add discussion to next month agenda. G. Cellier to gather more information.
 - vii. Not able to add executive session as requested.
- XI. New Business
- a. Health insurance increase
 - i. Medical increase by a few dollars and dental decrease



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- b. Board of Directors term ending June 30, 2022
 - i. Willie Rice- Elected
 - ii. Pono von Holt- Appointed
- c. Waimea FO open to public
 - i. board meetings in office
 - ii. Office 3 times a week and telework 2 times a week
- d. LRP
 - i. MKSWCD will be the applicant?
- e. HACD meeting
 - i. Still trying to figure out the liability insurance that includes collision
 - 1. waiting to hear back from one company that provides commercial insurance
 - 2. still should not be driving NRCS vehicles
 - 3. Annual HACD meeting will be held in June 2023 in Hilo/Volcano
 - 4. September 2022, NACD pacific region meeting will be held in Maui
 - a. board members are able to attend and able to use funds received by DLNR
- f. Continuation of discussion from last meeting with G. Cellier about conservation plans
- g. Open discussion

XII. Adjournment

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