



# Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

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

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Time: 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Place: Board meeting will be held through Microsoft Teams. Please contact MKSWCD at (808) 885-6602 ext. 102 or at [nicole.fernandez@hi.nacdnet.net](mailto:nicole.fernandez@hi.nacdnet.net) to receive the Microsoft Teams link.

Start: 3:00pm

- I. Approval of Agenda
  - a. approve
- II. Approval/Review Minutes- 1/12/2022
  - a. approve
- III. Treasurer's report Lau
  - a. Report is from December 2021 to January 2022
  - b. Last of the transfers between accounts from NWQI bounce checks
- IV. Chairman's Report von Holt
  - a. None
- V. Committee Report
  - a. None
- VI. Farm Dwelling Review
  - a. None
- VII. Sub-division Review
  - a. None
- VIII. Agreements/Contract Approval
  - a. Cooperative Agreement
    - a. None
  - b. Plan Approval
    - a. None
  - c. Plan Revision



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a. None

d. Plan Update

a. None

e. Plan Cancellation

a. None

## IX. Reports, Correspondence and Announcements

a. NRCS

Cook

a. Program update

1. Waiting for deadline for FY2022 programs
  - a. Obligation for EQIP & AMA by May
  - b. In the ranking & cost estimate phase
  - c. Funding will be 1/10 of what usually get
2. Travis Thomason leaving PIA for a state conservationist position in Vermont
  - a. Gave his thanks to the board for work in the LWG and their support
  - b. Chad Cherefko leaving PIA to Colorado as an Area Conservationist
3. LRP
  - a. Carolyn Stewart starting process of gathering information
  - b. Went over what is expected of her and able to provide cost estimate
  - c. Carolyn did an outline of the LRP
  - d. Nicole to help out with the LRP
4. Kohala Watershed Partnership
  - a. Scott asked Pono about the status of the partnership
    - i. Going through a facilitator change, Kohala Center was managing KWP
      1. Will be using RCUIH to manage the program
    - ii. Potential partner with KWP for watersmart grant
    - iii. Bureau of Land Reclamation for a watersmart grant
    - iv. Help determine type of threats to water quality and how to address those threats. Help to draft a plan and provide feedback
  - b. KWP does look for grants for watershed management
    - i. Water sources available to community use



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- c. Pono mentioned will check on coordinator position
          - 5. Pono asked Scott a question about the civil rights questionnaire
            - a. Referred to the disability question. Did not really know how to answer. We do provide access for the disabled but have not had any request.
            - b. Couldn't fill out all questions and if that was ok
            - c. Scott mentioned that the question is really a review of NRCS to make sure NRCS is doing a good job in civil rights and providing accommodations to the public
  - b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant Fernandez
    - a. End of January had an Environmental Evaluation training
      - 1. This was about addressing any NEPA concerns when clients are implanting practices. Its to make sure that NRCS and clients are not in violation of NEPA when clients are doing work.
      - 2. Went over how to fill out the NEPA questions for each category
    - b. Beginning of February had a Manduca (Blackburn's sphinx moth) training with Jennifer who is the Biologist.
      - 1. Training is to recognize plants that the Blackburn's sphinx month utilize to lay eggs and larvae development.
      - 2. How to survey and recognize eggs and larvae on plants
    - c. CTA meeting with Barbara Jackson to address her pasture issues
    - d. Participated in NRCS program and all employee call meeting
    - e. Joined the climate informed workshop on how to incorporate climate change into practices that may affect producers
    - f. Carolyn Stewart, Scott Cook, Chad Cherefko, Susan Kubo, James Eller, and Nicole met to go over the LRP to get clarification as to what is expected and what NRCS is looking for in the LRP
- X. Old Business
- a. GPS purchase
    - 1. Garmin GPSMap 66sr
    - 2. \$522.49
    - 3. Estimated delivery date 1/12
  - b. Switch to online bank statement
    - 1. Printable PDF
    - 2. Ready 1<sup>st</sup> week of month
  - c. COVID update



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1. Office at 25% capacity (2 people max)
2. Teleworking phase
3. No visitors allowed in office

- XI. New Business  
a. Open discussion  
    a. None

- XII. Adjournment

End: 3:30pm

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