



Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

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

Date: Thursday, March 10, 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 mkswcd@gmail.com to receive the Microsoft Teams link.

Start 3:03 pm

- I. Approval of Agenda-approve
 - a. Add executive session

- II. Approval/Review Minutes- 2/9/2022
 - a. Approve

- III. Treasurer's report Lau
 - a. Back to normal
 - b. Payroll deduction only activity
 - c. Question asked regarding debit card purpose?
 - a. Answer: eliminate the middle step of having Brad/Pono write reimbursement checks to the person that purchased supplies or anything related to MKSWCD

- 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



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- a. None
 - c. Plan Revision
 - a. None
 - d. Plan Update
 - a. None
 - e. Plan Cancellation
 - a. None
- IX. Reports, Correspondence and Announcements
- a. NRCS Cook
 - a. Program update
 - 1. Planning and cost estimates are done
 - 2. 5 contracts for FY2022 to receive assistance, 10 applications for FY2022 that are on hold to receive assistance if FO receive more funds
 - 3. FO working of a grazing plan out of Kona
 - 4. Later on in year to request for additional funds for within PIA and National
 - b. Local working group survey
 - 1. Scott had meeting with the committee that C. Stewart put together.
 - 2. Discuss FY2023 outreach in form of survey that can be emailed to the community and do a follow up in person about survey results
 - 3. Pono mentioned that he had not got in touch with KWP about the coordinator position. KWP would be a good partner to work with for the LRP.
 - b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant Fernandez
 - a. NRCS Oregon Conservation Planning part 2 from Monday to Thursday. Part of the planner certification III requirement
 - b. Participated in NRCS programs meeting, which is updating PIA about NRCS programs that are offered
 - c. Pono and Nicole was part of the LRP meeting held beginning of month, to go over the details of what is expected and timeline, decided that a longer timeline would be beneficial to be able to complete deliverables on time
 - d. Prior to the conservation planning training, had a pre-course check in to over what is expected out of the course



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- e. Have been meeting with Barbara Jackson to help with her pasture, currently have been overgrazed by horses and trying to get pasture back to a healthy state to have the horses back on the pasture. Have been working with C. Auwelo in getting advise for Barbara's pasture
- f. DLNR report was due back on February 15th, county report is due in April.
- g. Participated in a clipping and seeding data collecting with C. Auwelo for Parker Ranch burned area.

X. Old Business

- a. None

XI. New Business

a. Open discussion

- 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
 - 1. 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
 - 2. All FY2021 contracts has been approved
 - 3. For clarification plan approval is referring to the conservation plan
- b. G. Cellier brough 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.
 - 1. 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
 - 2. 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.
 - 3. 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.



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4. 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.
 5. W. Rice- Track plans as a board. If on agenda it has a date. Track how long it takes to approve plans.
 6. Add discussion to next month agenda. G. Cellier to gather more information.
- c. Not able to do executive session as requested

End 3:35 pm

XII. Adjournment

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