

South Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District

June 4, 2020

In Attendance: Karen Ah Mai, Iris Iwami, Puaonaona Stibbard, Gavin Jennings, Kalani Matsumura (6:44pm)

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm

2. February 6, 2020 and March 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Moved (KAM) and seconded (PS) to approve February and March meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's report -

May 31, 2020 - \$10,902.38

4. Old Business

a. Conservation Specialist Trainee Recruitment – First round no applicants. Reopened on Indeed.com 88 applicants, around 40 did not have the minimum education requirement, 9-10 will be interviewed. All are from Hawaii.

b. NACD Assistance for Oahu Field Office- Program support specialist: helps planners; starting at 18 hours/week, by the end of the year 20 hours/week. HACD position

c. Local Working Group Priorities reviewed

d. South Oahu: Potential Projects- Urban Agriculture, Educational seminars with partners.

e. Field Trip Planning - Postponed until Covid19 community interaction protocols stabilizes. (Lo'I Kalo Park, Livaable Hawaii Kai Hui, Kokua Kalihi Valley Rooftop Gardens

f. MOU between DPP and Districts and C&C of Honolulu - no change

5. New Business

a. Board elections: postponed until Covid 19 community interaction protocols stabilize.

b. HACD conference canceled. Hawaii Farm Bureau Farm Fair canceled.

c. Phone call discussion with HACD, Michelle Watkins with Hawaii Farm Bureau Randy Cabral on Ag support programs and financial conditions of farmers.

6. Discussion & Possible Action on New Cooperator Interaction

None

7. Discussion & Possible Action on Conservation Plans

8. Partner Updates:

a. NRCS Field Office/PIA Report: GJ

Phase one – maximizing teleworking; one person at a time in the office

b. HACD Conservation Specialist: none

c. ORCD Report: none

10. Meeting Adjourned: 7:03 pm

Next Meeting: TBD