

# West Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, 1:00 PM

## Meeting held via Zoom

- **Meeting Call to Order**

- The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM by James J. Nobriga, Board Chair
- Roll Call of Those Present at the Meeting:
  - Directors
    - James J. Nobriga, Chair
    - Kainoa Casco, Vice Chair
    - Kimo Falconer, Treasurer
    - Ian Swezey, Secretary
  - Associate Director(s)
    - Kristi Ono
    - Wes Nohara
  - Watershed Coordinator
    - Tova Callender
  - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)
    - Gerald Gregory, District Conservationist
  - Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Staff
    - Kelly Butler, Maui SWCD Planner
    - Millie Wagner, Maui SWCD Administrator
  - Members of the Public
    - None
- Board Members Not Present at the Meeting
  - Daniel Ornellas, Associate Director

- Determination of Whether a Quorum has been Established
  - It was determined that a quorum had been established
- Public notice of meeting:
  - Electronically posted to the state calendar (calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar) on July 20, 2022
  - Physically posted at the Soil and Water Conservation District Office located at 77 Ho'okele St., Kahului, HI on July 20, 2022
  - Filed with Lt. Governor's Office on July 20, 2022
  - Mailed or emailed to persons requesting notifications of meetings, postmarked July 20, 2022.
- **Public Comment and Written Testimony (NOTE: Public comment and/or written testimony is limited to 3 minutes)**
  - No public comment had been submitted
- **Approval of the Minutes from June 21, 2022**
  - A motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022, minutes was made by Kimo Falconer
    - The motion was seconded by Kainoa Casco
    - The motion to approve the minutes from the June 21 board meeting was voted on and approved unanimously
- **West Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Treasurer's Report**
  - A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Kainoa Casco

- The motion was seconded by Kimo Falconer
- The motion to approve the Treasurer’s report was voted on and passed unanimously

- **Election and/or Appointment of Executive Officers and Directors to the Board**

- Current West Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Board:

TITLE	NAME	TERM EXPIRATION	PROCESS
CHAIR	James J. Nobriga	Jun-23	Appointed
VICE CHAIR	Kainoa Casco	Jun-24	Elected
TREASURER	Kimo Falconer	Jun-25	Appointed
SECRETARY	Ian Swezey	Jun-24	Elected
DIRECTOR	VACANT		Elected
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	Wes Nohara		
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	Daniel Ornellas		
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	Kristi Ono		

- **Open positions:**

- Position of Director (elected) currently vacant
  - Potential candidates for the vacant position were discussed
    - Leilani Palmano and Gary Bolston were previously discussed as potential candidates for the vacant Director’s position

- Kainoa Casco has been unable to contact them yet and is unsure of their interest level
      - He will continue trying to contact them
  - James J. Nobriga asked all board members to look for other potential candidates
  - Wes Nohara suggested that if, they could, they should bring two people in: one person as a Director and one person as an Associate Director to potentially fill any future vacancies
- **Discussion Regarding Lahaina Watershed Flood Control Project/Puamana Association Board**
  - The history of the project was presented by James J. Nobriga
  - Kristi Ono relayed that Susan Kubo and Sharon Sawdey, both from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be the new points of contact for project
  - Additional funding was discussed
    - Kristi Ono stated that it was unlikely that the County could provide additional funding unless it was part of an existing project
    - Gerald Gregory, District Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), stated that NRCS can provide technical assistance, but most likely won't be able to provide funding unless it was added as a new project for them

- James J. Nobriga stated that the West Maui Soil and Water Conservation District will try to assist as needed
- Iam Swezey asked for a review of the plans
  - Wes Nohara stated that he doesn't believe the current channel is adequate to handle the flow of the stream from Lahainaluna to Puamana
- Current suggestions:
  - Invite Susan Kubos and Sharon Sawdey to future board meetings for further discussion and partnership
  - Invite Maui County to also meet to provide the latest updates
  - West Maui SWCD Board meet with the Puamana Association Board of Directors to open dialog on their position and concerns about the channel
- **West Maui Ridge to Reef (R2R) Initiative Updates by Tova Callender**
  - Tova had no updates, but did state they are currently working with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) on current use pesticide
- **National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) Assessment Project Status by Tova Callender**
  - Tova stated that Susan Kubo and Sharon Sawdey, both from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are getting involved and will be working with Millie Wagner, Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator, for reporting

- **Discussion and Approval of Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Cultural Resources Tech Notes (Worksheet)**
  - The new Cultural Resources Tech Notes form was presented on screen by Gerald Gregory, District Conservationist with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
    - Gerald explained the form, how it worked, and what it was intended to achieve
    - Kimo Falconer moved to accept the addition of this form to the West Maui Conservation District CTA (Conservation Technical Assistance) plans and to be used effect at once
      - The motion was seconded by Ian Swezey
      - The motion was voted on and approved unanimously
  
- **Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Planner Updates by Kelly Butler**
  - Kelly had no updates at this time
  
- **NRCS Updates by Gerald Gregory**
  - Local Working Group
    - Gerald said that he needed suggestions from the board members regarding how the local working groups should be conducted in view of the ongoing COVID issues, I.e., should these be conducted in-person, via Zoom, indoors, outdoors, etc.
      - Kimo stated that he felt that people were still worried about in-person meetings, but that while

more may attend if the meetings were held via Zoom, in-person meetings could be held if they were small groups and outdoors

- Ian stated that he felt that all COVID precautions needed to be in place if face-to-face meetings were held

- **Proposed dates and times for next meeting**

- After discussion, it was determined that the next board meeting would be held on Tuesday, October 11, at 1:00 PM

- **Adjournment of the Meeting**

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kimo Falconer
  - The motion was seconded by Ian Swezey
- The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM by James J. Nobriga, Board Chair

Submitted by



Ian Swezey

Secretary

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Meeting Recorder: Millie Wagner, Soil and Water Conservation District  
Administrator