

Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
Held on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 1:00 PM

Meeting was held via Zoom

- **Meeting Call to Order**
 - The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM by Mike Silva, Board Chair.
- **Roll Call of Those Present at the Meeting**
 - Directors
 - Mike Silva, Chair (attending location: alone in his Kahului office)
 - Darren Strand, Vice-Chair (attending location: alone in his office at Mahi Pono)
 - Mae Nakahata, Secretary (attending location: alone in her home office)
 - Edgar Cordero, Director (attending location: alone in his office at Bayer)
 - Associate Director(s)
 - None in attendance
 - USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS)
 - Gerald Gregory, District Conservationist (attending location: alone in his office at the NRCS Kahului Field Office)
 - Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Staff
 - Kelly Butler, Maui SWCD Conservation Planner (attending location: Texas, alone)
 - Millie Wagner, Maui SWCD District Administrator (attending location: Kihei, alone)
 - Members of the Public
 - Chun KB (via telephone – no one was able to hear responses from this person due to his connection)
 - Board Members Not Present at the Meeting
 - Mike Murakami, Treasurer
- **Determination of Whether a Quorum has been Established**
 - It was determined that a quorum had been met
- **Public notice of meeting:**
 - Electronically posted to the state calendar (calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar) on October 21, 2022
 - Physically posted at the Soil and Water Conservation District Office located at 77 Ho'okele St., Kahului, HI on October 21, 2022
 - Filed with Lt. Governor's Office on October 21, 2022
 - Mailed or emailed to persons requesting notifications of meetings, postmarked October 21, 2022
- **Approval of the Minutes from June 13, 2022**
 - Chair Mike Silva noted that the minutes of the 6/13/2022 meeting had been received and asked for any objections to the minutes being accepted.
 - No objections were received, and Mr. Silva administratively approved and accepted the minutes to be placed on file

- **Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Treasurer's Report**
 - Acknowledgement that the Treasurer's report has been received and will be placed on file
- **Grading and Grubbing Review 6/13/2022 – 10/06/2022**
 - The board acknowledged the 10 grading and grubbing plans that appeared adequate
 - The board acknowledged the 28 grading and grubbing plans were pending during this period
- **Ethics Training Review**
 - Additional training has been added for those Directors that have not completed the mandatory training
 - Please email your certificates of completion to Millie
- **Soil and Water Conservation District 75th Anniversary**
 - The Olinda-Kula Soil and Water Conservation District was formed on May 2, 1948, and will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in May 2023
 - Mae Nakahata introduced the idea of a statewide celebration that would include a traveling display, an 18-month calendar beginning in June 2023, and to be held in conjunction with other events held on each Island
 - Pictures from all 16 Conservation Districts are needed for the traveling display
 - People to assist at the events will be needed
- **New District Exploration**
 - Creation of a new Soil and Water Conservation District and getting more involvement with native Hawaiians
- **Keokea Gulch Riparian Rehabilitation Project**
 - Report and Updates by Michael Reyes, consultant to Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District overseeing the Keokea Gulch Riparian Rehabilitation Project
 - The fencing and drip-line irrigation have been installed
 - Planting will begin on Friday, 10/28 at 9 AM and will continue every Friday after until all trees are planted
 - Plan to plant 10,000 trees overall, with approximately 100 trees planted each Friday
 - People are needed to assist with the planting
 - A grant application for Axis Deer Mitigation has also been submitted
- **Pohakea Watershed Planning Effort**
 - Report and Updates by Michael Reyes, consultant to Central Maui Soil and Water Conservation District overseeing the Pohakea Watershed Planning Effort
 - This is a 5000-acre watershed that flows into the Ma'alaea Harbor and Bay
 - Studies have been held and the draft plan has been submitted to the State

- **Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Updates, Plans, Finalization**
 - Kelly Butler, Maui Soil and Water Conservation District Conservation Planner
 - Currently there are no plans for approval
 - Kelly stated that she will be participating in the Arbor Day celebration on 11/5 and the HI Farmers Union at the beginning of December
 - The Poster Contest is scheduled to close on 11/4/2022 and judging will follow
- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**
 - Report From Gerald Gregory, District Conservationist
 - Gerald stated that the contracting cycle for 2023 was currently underway
 - Approval of Conservation Services Plan Presented by Gerald Gregory on behalf of Jessica Talbot, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Planner
 - One plan for approval
 - All documents associated with the plan were previously emailed to the Central Maui Soil and Water District board members for review
 - Due to privacy laws, many aspects of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Conservation Plans may not be fully discussed in a public forum
 - The Directors stated that they had reviewed the plan and had no questions
 - A motion to approve the plan was made by Edgar Cordero, Director
 - The motion was seconded by Darren Strand, Vice Chair
 - The motion to approve was voted on and carried unanimously
- **Public Comment and Written Testimony (NOTE: Public comment and/or written testimony is limited to 3 minutes)**
 - Chun KB, a member of the public, stated that he/she was only listening for general information and had no comment
- **Proposed dates and times for next meeting**
 - The board agreed that sometime in January 2023 would be the best time for holding the next meeting
 - Afternoons work best for most of the board members
 - Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are the best days of the week for most board members to attend
 - Millie will send out a Doodle poll in December to determine the date

- **Adjournment of the Meeting**

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 PM by board Chair, Mike Silva

Submitted by



Mae Nakahata

Secretary

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