



Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

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

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2023

Time: 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Location: In person at USDA-NRCS Waimea Field Office 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy
Suite H-148 Kamuela, HI 96743 or online via Microsoft Teams

Start: 3:03 p.m.

- I. Approval of Agenda-**approved**
- II. Approval/Review Minutes- 6/14/2023- **approved**
- III. Treasurer's report Cellier
 - a. **All savings got dividends except for federal**
 - b. **UWA: savings dividend of 8 cents, no change to checking**
 - c. **County: savings dividend of 1 cents, and checking got a credit from KMC and payroll deductions**
 - d. **Wishard: savings dividend of \$22.45, no change to checking**
 - e. **Federal: savings and checking no change**
 - f. **Petty cash no change**
 - g. **approved**
- IV. Chairman's Report von Holt
 - a. **Jacob Tavares from Parker Ranch potentially new board member**
- V. Committee Report
- VI. Farm Dwelling Review
- VII. Sub-division Review
 - a. PL-SUB-2023-000162
 - i. **Ouli land company located South Kohala off of Kawaihae road above Mauna Kea beach hotel**
 - ii. **837.7 acres sub-divide into 48 5 acre lots and 6 roadways**
 - iii. **Considered to be potentially highly erodible land with blue line stream through property**
 - iv. **Concerns of stream runoff into Pelekane bay, low rainfall results in poor agriculture land, and high fire hazard. Suggest conservation planning to address concerns**



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VIII. Agreements/Contract Approval

- a. Cooperative Agreement
- b. Plan Approval
- c. Plan Revision
 - i. Alan Everson
 - 1. Previous plan for native planting habitat restoration
 - 2. Forestry mulcher to remove non-native species such as guava with a follow up treatment
 - 3. Planting trees such as mamaki, iliahi, koa, maile, hoawa, etc.
 - 4. Property within koa wilt belt but so far his koa has been doing well
 - 5. approve
- d. Plan Update
- e. Plan Cancellation

IX. Reports, Correspondence and Announcements

- a. NRCS Fuji
 - i. Program update
 - 1. Hiring two soil cons
 - 2. Daniel leaving for Saipan end of August
 - 3. Keeping a open job announcement every 3 months to address high turnover rate
 - 4. GS11 waiting for final job offer
 - 5. Soil con tech in near future
 - 6. Range con for just grazing in near future
- b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant Fernandez
 - i. Had a meeting on the introduction of two new practices which are raised beds and organic management
 - ii. HEL discussion with J. Hanson
 - iii. Onsite meeting with client to go over engineering and any questions regarding contract
 - iv. Plant survey meeting to discuss challenges of top resource concerns and practices being used for vegetation planting
 - v. Met with Guy, Kanoe, and Chloe to go over Guy CTA plan
 - vi. Met with Kori and LRP team to clarify what is expected for the LRP report
 - vii. County report submitted, LRP payment request and report submitted, paid MCSI for June deliverables.



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- X. Old Business
 - a. Debit card
 - b. Add Guy to bank accounts remove Brad
 - c. Reminder HACD conference June 21st to 23rd

- XI. New Business
 - a. Increase in funding
 - i. Approved for increase

 - b. HACD Conference
 - i. 2024 conference on Kauai
 - ii. First day, bunch of speakers
 - 1. Astor Boozer, NRCS Regional Conservationist gave a talk on how can he help us improve programs and how he can help our producers
 - 2. Producers gave presentations on their operation and how NRCS supported them
 - 3. Auction raised \$1,818.38 that will be used for the State Conservation Awareness contest
 - iii. Second day
 - 1. Tours of producers operations
 - iv. Third day, HACD executive board meeting
 - 1. HACD officers: Brenda Iokepa Moses-President, Doug Beaton-Vice President, Ed Kawamura-Secretary, Rick Robinson-Treasurer
 - 2. State Conservation Awareness Contest hosted by Kona SWCD
 - 3. All associate board members will have to be re-appointed, their term will consist of 3 years ending in June 30th, and do not need to submit paperwork to DLNR

 - c. HACD sub-committee formation for of agreement between NRCS and HACD
 - i. Chairperson is the HACD executive board member. Pono agreed to be part of the committee

 - d. Cooperator of the year
 - i. Pick cooperator
 - 1. two for 2023 and two for previous year total of four
 - a. Island harvest, David Fuertes, G&C Freitas Ranch, Gomes Ranch

 - ii. Date, time, location
 - 1. October 14th or 21st



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2. Catered lunch
 3. Location: Ponoholo ranch headquarters?
- iii. Gift for cooperater
 1. Cooperator of the year sign
 2. Lei
 3. NRCS and MKSWCD SWAG
- e. Bank change over
 - i. Lavina working on it. Will let everyone know when to come in to sign.
 - ii. Online statements available for all but county
 - f. Open discussion
 - i. Local working group meeting need to conduct online survey

XII. Adjournment

End: 4:20pm

To Provide In-Person Testimony:

Attend live at USDA-NRCS Waimea Office, 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy Suite H-148, Kamuela, HI 96743.

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