

KONA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, February 15, 2024, 8:00AM – 10:00AM

PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION: 81-948 Waena‘Oihana Loop #101
Kealakekua, Hawaii 96750 ☎ 808-339-9042

WRITTEN TESTIMONY: Interested persons can submit written testimony in advance of each meeting that will be distributed to Board Members prior to the meeting. We request written testimony be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting to ensure time for Board Members to review it. Late written testimony will be retained as part of the record, but we cannot assure Board Members will receive it with sufficient time for review prior to decision-making. Submit written testimony to kswcd@kswcd.org or mail to Kona SWCD, 81-948 Waena‘Oihana Loop #101, Kealakekua, HI, 96750.

LIVE TESTIMONY: This meeting is only being held in person. Testimony will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per person per agenda item.

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- I. **WELCOME:** Call Board Meeting to Order 8:00 am. J. Knowles
- Roll call, confirm quorum, and review of any additional agenda items.
 - Staff introductions: Nanea Wall, District Soil Planner and Brendan Brazee, NRCS Range Management Specialist
 - Guest: Christy Logan, Kona Coffee & Tea.
- II. **GUEST CONVERSATIONS:**
- Conservation plans review and updates on TMKs 7-5-017:031 & 044.
- III. **MINUTES:** Approval of KSWCD January 18, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes. No December Board Meeting.
- IV. **REPORTS:**
- A. **TREASURER (KSWCD):** G. Hendrickson
- Monthly Financial Statements
- B. **CONSERVATION ASSISTANT (KSWCD):** R. Hill
- i. **NRCS (SF-425, SF-270, etc.)**
- Finalizing employee handbook and planners annual workplan. Reimbursements submitted.

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ii. Hawai'i Association of Conservation Districts (HACD) / (NACD)

- March 13, 2024, Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts Meeting.
- June 26-28th Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts 2024 Annual Conference on Kauai at Waimea Plantation Cottages.

C. DISTRICT PLANNERS (KSWCD):

M. Robblee/A. O'Bryant/N.Wall

i. Conservation Plans

- Workload updates on plans, deliverables, etc.

ii. Consolidations & Subdivisions

- Review of current published county notices of consolidations and subdivisions.

D. REGIONAL CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (RCPP):

L. Macdonald-Kainoa

- RCPP dashboard and deliverable updates.

E. PARTNERSHIPS:

K. Mahi

i. Hiki Ola

- Event & outreach planning and updates.

F. NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS):

L. Nelson

i. General NRCS

- Updates from district conservationist. Office staffing and workspaces.

ii. Farm Bill Programs

- Announcements for NRCS Farm Bill program deadlines and updated news.

iii. Cooperator of the Year Nominations

- Planners' nominations to be presented to the board.

G. OUTREACH:

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i. Outreach:

- March 2, 2024 Kona Coffee Farmers Association Symposium.
- Social Media Accounts: Facebook & Instagram in the works.
- Konawaena High School Leo Club updates and opportunities.

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H. NEW BUSINESS

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- National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) grant opportunity with U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (REPI). District drafting a proposal for funding opportunity along with 3 different budgets and funding amounts per NACD request.
- Cooperator of the Year: nominations, field visits, board voting, and possible picnic dates to be discussed.
- Possible time change for monthly board meetings.

v. UPCOMING REMINDERS:

i. Kona Soil and Water Conservation Monthly Board Meeting

- **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, March 21, 2024, 8am-10am at Kealahakua Service Center, 81-948 Waena'Oihana Loop #101 Kealahakua, Hawaii 96750. See online schedule for changes in location and date information: <https://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/>

vi. ADJOURN

vii. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Discussions of hiring district manager, budget, etc.