



West O'ahu Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting

July 22nd, 2025 - 12:30 p.m.

Locations:

The meeting is accessible online and in person.

Online

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Meeting ID: 815 9852 1358

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In person

Physical address: 92-1770 Kunia Road, Kunia HI 96759, Hawai'i Agricultural Research Station (HARC). The meeting will take place in the O'ahu RC&D office. Please call (808) 201-7742 when you arrive to be let into the building.

AGENDA

In-attendance:

- In-person:
 - Board members: Larry Jefts, Joe Para
 - Sophie Moser, Nora Sisounthone
- Online:
 - Board members: Alike Napier, Taylor Kellerman, Michael Moefu, Alan Gottlieb
 - Logan Motas, Bo Bory, Megan Gonsalves, Billy Sklaver, Liz Sklaver, Megan Bolibol

1. Call to Order at 12:31pm

2. Reports:

- ❖ Approval of May 2025 meeting minutes. JP moves to approve. AN seconds. All in favor.

3. Board Business:

- ❖ Updates from the District Manager

- i. WOSWCD District Manager is here until at least September 2025, then month to month.
 - ii. Chatting with Gail Byrne, a contractor hired by NACD to put together an RCPP proposal and is interested in WOSWCD participating as a partner. This RCPP is proposing funding for wildfire mitigation, fencing for ungulates, and flood control.
 - iii. We submitted our quarterly report for our NACD UAC grant.
 - iv. Two Funds Authorization Transfers are in process, one to pay for work done on the previously mentioned NACD UAC grant, the other for our WOSWCD/ORCD Service Agreement
 - v. August 31st deadline for DLNR expense report.
- ❖ Presentation of Conservation Plans and Cooperative Agreements
 - i. MG
 - 1. Update to map: TMKs 65001056 (por.), 65005009 (por.)/64003016, 71002037, 71002044, 710002041 (por.)
 - a. This was a Cooperative Agreement presented last month that needed its map fixed for accuracy. Motion by AN to approve. TK seconds. All in favor.
 - b. Internal notes: typically we'd just write into the meeting minutes that the map needs certain changes, but no need to re-present.
 - ii. SM
 - 1. TMK 62009001 (por.)
 - a. AN moves to approve. MM seconds.
 - b. Internal notes: First tenants coming on property in September. Looking at a slow move in, maybe four at a time to allow everyone to get setup.
 - 2. Presentation of letter from Hawai'i Thai Farmer Cooperative
 - a. AN: when you lump it all in one, if someone in there doesn't abide by the rules, does that mean everyone is in jeopardy?
 - b. SM: No, each farmer is going to have their own Cooperative Agreement.
 - c. NS: 16 lots for 17 people. Each of them has insurance. Each lot they clear about 5-10 acres which is already done. They're currently waiting for water.
 - d. TK: If they're all going to be getting their own Cooperative Agreement, what's the benefit of doing a blanket approach?
 - e. SM: WOSWCD requested this letter because things were moving forward at an uncomfortable speed.
 - f. MG: If we don't get the Cooperative Agreements signed today for all the Thai Farmers Association, then can we present Cooperative Agreements and Conservation Plans in the same meeting?
 - g. LJ: No
 - h. TK: We're doing a mass signing of Cooperative Agreements, but Conservation Plans will be presented individually?

- i. LJ: Housekeeping = modify the agreement they currently have to add a TMK. Out of respect that they sat through the meeting we're willing to sign the Cooperative Agreements.
- j. AN makes a motion to approve 14 people presented to become cooperators. TK seconds with a confirmation that their Conservation Plans will be presented individually.
- k. AN: for the lot across the street by the military base, people have approached Alikea because they get insufficient water. Would hate to have other people get into that same situation.

iii. BH

1. TMK 64001001

- a. Semi-agroforestry system. Looking to improve and maintain their irrigation systems.
- b. LJ: This is a parcel that Dole sold.
- c. TK moves to accept. JP seconds. All in favor.

4. Partner updates:

- O'ahu Resource Conservation & Development Council (ORCD)
 - o BH:
 - Updated the cover page for Cooperative Agreement to reflect new FSA ED
 - Watershed project is wrapping up in October and its supported 7 conservation plans
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 - o MB:
 - EQIP round 1 got selected with IRA funds. What program staff has done is request additional funds. A majority of round ones that were selected for IRA are going to be funded with a different fund pool.
 - LWG meeting coming up. Time changed to 8:45am-12pm. Breakfast and coffee will be available. Flier will be coming out tomorrow.
- Hawaii Association of Conservation Districts (HACD)
 - o JP: Jenni and Robin will be attending SWCD meetings more regularly.

Meeting adjourned: 1:35pm

5. Next meeting

August 26th, 2025.

6. Additional items

Public testimony. Members of the public wishing to submit oral or written testimony on an agenda item may do so at monthly meetings. Please submit written testimony via email to WestOahuSWCD@gmail.com or via mail to P. O. Box 172, 92-1770 Kunia Rd., Kunia, Hawai'i 96759. To aid in sharing information with Directors, kindly submit written testimony

24 hours in advance of the monthly meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month (e.g. by 12:30pm on Monday).

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