



Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

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

Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Time: 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

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

Start: 3:08pm

- I. Approval of Agenda- **Approved**
- II. Approval/Review Minutes- 7/10/2024- **Approved**
- III. Treasurer's report Cellier
 - a. **UWA- checking: DLNR check and reimbursement to A. Fujii for cooperators of the year 2023 supplies**
 - b. **County- payroll, HACD expenses, website start up, office supplies**
 - c. **Wishard- transfer from checking to savings**
 - d. **Federal- LRP payment request received**
- IV. Chairman's Report- **None** von Holt
- V. Committee Report- **None**
- VI. Farm Dwelling Review- **None**
- VII. Sub-division Review
 - a. PL-SUB-2024-000259
 - i. **Location North Kohala, 22.3 acres subdivide into 2 lots of 9.5 acres and 12.8 acres**
 - ii. **Blue line stream through property that may run every 4-5 years with heavy rain**
 - iii. **Considered potentially highly erodible land in regards to water**
 - iv. **No concern with subdivision**
 - v. **Approved**
 - b. PL-SUB-2024-000262
 - i. **Location Waikoloa- solar project**
 - ii. **1,701.2 acres subdivided into 2 lots: 1,428.3 acres and 272.8 acres**
 - iii. **Blue line stream through property and small portion considered high erodible land and majority of property considered potentially highly erodible land in regards to water**



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- iv. No concern with sub-division
- v. Approved

VIII. Agreements/Contract Approval

a. Cooperative Agreement- None

b. Plan Approval

i. Edward Walker

1. Location wet side of Waimea
2. Grazing cattle
3. 120.4 acres project area
4. Removing guava on the makai piece (below Mamalahoa hwy.)
5. Installing cross fence, pipeline, trough, heavy use, planting signal grass where guava is being removed, piling guava residue after removal, and prescribe grazing
6. Approved

ii. Sandra Tran DBA Kapania Farms

1. Located in Kohala, Kapania
2. CSP
3. Grazing sheep- enhance prescribed grazing using body condition score
4. Approved

iii. Jeremy Scott Masato Lewis

1. Location Kohala
2. CSP
3. Grazing cattle- enhance prescribed grazing using body condition score
4. Spot spraying spiny amaranth
5. Approved

iv. Spicy Ninja Sauce

1. Located Kapaau
2. Crop operation- hot peppers
3. Installing high tunnel and under the high tunnel will be doing crop rotation, mulching, and reduced till
4. Approved

c. Plan Revision- None



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- d. Plan Update- **None**
 - e. Plan Cancellation- **None**
 - IX. Reports, Correspondence and Announcements
 - a. NRCS Fuji
 - i. Program update
 - 1. TJO for NRCS grazing specialist
 - 2. New state agronomist selected
 - 3. Kauai and Oahu sharing a PSA
 - 4. Kathyn Hong is new title is management analysis
 - 5. Training: livestock producers in January
 - 6. Wrapping up FY2024
 - 7. LWG- went well. Online survey went out
 - 8. DHHL outreach Aug 22
 - b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant Fernandez
 - i. Program meetings for NRCS
 - ii. LRP meetings
 - iii. Website start up meeting
 - iv. LWG in person meeting
 - v. Working on 2 CTA plans for the new county tax law
 - vi. HACD/SWCD meeting with Jenni Scotti
 - vii. G&G submitted
 - viii. DLNR 1st half due in September
 - ix. DHHL outreach Aug 22 and HIPAG in September
 - x. County tax law meeting with SWCD & NRCS
 - 1. CTA plan does not mean or show they are in production.
 - 2. Sounds like the roll out is being push back 1 year
 - a. MKSWCD response during board meeting
 - i. SWCD should not be the ones to educate the public about the tax law for agriculture producers
 - ii. Suggested that the county should send a letter to tell the SWCD's what they are looking for in a conservation plan
 - iii. Maybe HACD needs to get involved and write a letter to the county tax office requesting information
 - 1. Other SWCD's to ask HACD to get involved
- X. Old Business
 - a. Website



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- b. Work phone
- c. Open discussion
 - i. LWG
 - 1. Date
 - 2. Location-civic
 - ii. Cooperator of the year
 - 1. Date
 - 2. Location
- XI. New Business
 - a. Cooperator of the year
 - i. Selection
 - 1. Thought: if run out of cooperators maybe going back to others that are currently have a new contract
 - 2. Selected for this year: Aletha Lindsey-Barkley and Donna Mah
 - ii. Date-TBD
 - b. Website
 - i. Kick off meeting
 - ii. Integration completed
 - c. Open discussion
- XII. Adjournment

End: 4:18pm

To Provide In-Person Testimony:

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

To Provide Written Testimony by Mail or E-mail:

Written testimony to be submitted in advance of each meeting that will be distributed to board members prior to the meeting. Submit written testimony to mkswcd@gmail.com or via postal mail to Mauna Kea Soil and Water Conservation District at 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy Suite H-148, Kamuela, HI 96743. Written testimony that is received later than 24 hours prior to the meeting will be retained as part of the record and distributed to board members as soon as



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practicable, but we cannot ensure that board members will receive it within sufficient time for review prior to decision-making.

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To Provide Oral Testimony by Telephone:

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Phone Conference ID: 399 196 505#

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