



Mauna Kea Soil & Water Conservation District

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

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 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 3:03 pm

- I. Approval of Agenda- **Approved**
 - a. Add Gomes Ranch plan approval
 - b. Add Kathryn Wiese & Alysia Fischer cooperators approval

- II. Approval/Review Minutes- 8/14/2024- **Approved**

- III. Treasurer's report Cellier
 - a. **No change to savings**
 - b. **UWA checking- LWG food transfer to county savings**
 - c. **County checking- LWG food transfer from UWA, payroll, website payment, DHHL outreach food purchase (transfer will show on September statement)**
 - d. **Wishard checking- no change**
 - e. **Federal checking- LRP payment to MCSI & Lynker**

- IV. Chairman's Report von Holt

N/A

- V. Committee Report

N/A

- VI. Farm Dwelling Review

N/A

- VII. Sub-division Review

N/A

- VIII. Agreements/Contract Approval
 - a. Cooperative Agreement
 - i. Christopher Young
 1. **Located Nienie**
 2. **Grazing cattle**
 3. **Interested in infrastructure for cattle: fence, water, pipeline, etc.**
 4. **Approved**



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ii. Maya Sullivan

1. Located in Waimea
2. Currently fallow but want to graze livestock, forestry, and crops
3. Approved

iii. Alysia Fischer

1. Located Ahualoa
2. Wildlife habitat
3. Removing guava and eucalyptus
4. Plant native vegetation
5. Approved

iv. Kathryn Wiese

1. Located in Ahualoa
2. Planting native vegetation- agroforestry but using only native plants
3. Approved

b. Plan Approval

i. David Maertens

1. Waimea, grazing 18.1 acres
2. Prescribed grazing, address the new county tax law
3. Approved

ii. Gomes Ranch

1. Waimea, grazing 50.1 acres
2. Prescribed grazing, address the new county tax law
3. Approved

c. Plan Revision

N/A

d. Plan Update

i. Kahua Ranch

1. Replace existing electric fence with woven fence for sheep
2. Adding cross fence, trough, pipeline, and silvopasture practices
3. Approved

e. Plan Cancellation

N/A



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IX. Reports, Correspondence and Announcements

a. NRCS

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i. Program update

1. Jill Beaton range specialist
2. Training: working effectively with livestock producers
3. Obligated 28 applications
4. Wrapping up round 2- 8 applications
5. FY2025: forecasted 42 million allocated to programs
6. October. 31 tentative application deadline FY2025
7. RCPP project: soil health focus on biochar
8. DHHL outreach: August 22 had 45 attendees
9. September 20: Kohala outreach at Kohala food hub

b. Conservation Specialist/Administrative Assistant

Fernandez

- i. 5 intakes
- ii. 2 applications
- iii. 1 contract signing for round 2
- iv. Meetings: LRP and LRP presentation for Waimea FO
- v. DHHL outreach
- vi. CTA pond check
- vii. Outreach: Waimea fall festival
- viii. Website is live- visit website every 6 months
- ix. Cooperator of the year in October

X. Old Business

a. Cooperator of the year

- i. Selection
- ii. Date

b. Website

- i. Kick off meeting
- ii. Integration completed

XI. New Business

a. LRP wrapping up

b. Work phone

- i. Tracfone-prepaid plan. Suggested by HSWCD uses this company for their work phone. Plans can be monthly or yearly; yearly plan rate is cheaper. Using personal phone to conduct business with clients, work phone used for only work purpose. - Approved



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c. Open discussion

XII. Adjournment

End: 3:53pm

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

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