

USDA NRCS Waimea Field Office 2014 Local Work Group Meeting

DATE: July 9, 2014

3:30p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: NRCS Field Office at Parker Ranch Shopping Center
Address: 67-1185 Mamalahoa Hwy., Suite H148 Kamuela, HI
Next to Lilikoï Café back parking lot of shopping Center

AGENDA

Introductions

Role of the USDA Local Work Group

Role of the State Technical Advisory Committee

Overview of USDA Farm Bill Programs

Discussion and Action Items:

1. Discuss Hawaii County resource concerns.
 - a. List 3 resource concerns in priority order based on Mauna Kea Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)
2. Discuss local ranking questions
 - a. EQIP
4. Discuss new or updates needed to NRCS Conservation Practices
5. Discuss payment schedules for:
 - a. Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
 - d. Changes and supporting documentation to be submitted to NRCS Waimea Field Office by: Thursday July 17, 2014 at 4 pm

USDA-NRCS Waimea Field Office 2014 Local Work Group Meeting Minutes

Date July 9, 2014 3:30pm-4:00pm

Meeting started at 3:30pm and introductions were done. Present were Sierra Tobiason, Pablo Beimler, Chris Robb, and Brad Lau. See sign in sheet.

Went over role of local work group and role of State Technical Advisory Committee.

Went over USDA Farm Bill Programs, cropland ranking sheet and payment scenarios with the group.

Discussed the need for new or updated NRCS conservation practices.

At end of session each participant was given three sticky's to place on the resource concerns that were of their high priority.

Results from the selection and prioritization of resource concerns in conjunction with two email responses is as follows in order of priority:

- 1) Insufficient Water Supply for Irrigation and Livestock
- 2) Sedimentation/Erosion
- 3) Noxious Weeds
- 4) Pesticide and nutrient Contamination of ground or surface water
- 5) Wildfire
- 6) At risk species habitat
- 7) Inadequate habitat for wildlife: Habitat degradation

Note: Noxious weed and sedimentation, Pesticide and nutrient contamination and wildfire, at risk species habitat and inadequate habitat for wildlife were ties.

FY-2014 Local Priorities

- 1. Noxious Weeds _____ **4** _____

- 2. Insufficient Water Supply for Irrigation & Livestock _____ **3** _____

- 3. Sedimentation / Erosion _____ **1** _____

- 4. Pesticide / Nutrient Contamination of Ground or Surface Waters _____ **2** _____

- 5. _____ _____

- 6. _____ _____

Submitted by: Greg Takeshima
Name

Dept. of Health, CWB
Agency

FY-2014 Local Priorities

- 1. Noxious Weeds _____5_____

- 2. Insufficient Water Supply for Irrigation & Livestock _____6_____

- 3. Sedimentation / Erosion _____4_____

- 4. Pesticide / Nutrient Contamination of Ground or Surface Waters _____3_____

- 5. _____**At-risk species habitat**_____ _____1_____

- 6. _____**Inadequate habitat for Wildlife: habitat degradation**_____ 2_____

Submitted by: _____Marie Morin Ph.D._____ _____DOFAW ADMIN_____
Name Agency

FY-2007 EQIP State Priorities

1. Animal Waste
2. Sedimentation / Erosion
3. Noxious Weeds
4. Insufficient Water Supply for Irrigation & Livestock
5. Pesticide / Nutrient Contamination of Ground & Surface Waters
6. At-Risk Species Habitat

FY-2008 EQIP State Priorities

As of the East Hawaii Local Work Group Meeting

1. Sedimentation / Erosion
2. Insufficient Water Supply for Irrigation / Livestock
3. Animal Waste
4. Noxious Weeds
5. Excess Surface Runoff / Flooding
6. Pesticide or Nutrient Contamination of Ground or Surface Waters
7. At-Risk Species Habitat

At risk species - 1
Inadequate habitat for wildlife - 1
Noxious weeds - 3+1=4

Sedimentation - 2+1=3 + 1=4

Insufficient water supply - 3+1=4 + 1=5

Pesticide + nutrient mgmt. - 1+1=2 + 1=3

wild fire - 3

October 4, 2007

