

Conservation Easements

– An Important Tool in Hawaii's Sustainability Toolbox

Thursday February 17, 2011

8:30am – 12:00pm

Kauai Humane Society

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Draft Agenda –

Welcome, Housekeeping, Etc (5 minutes)

- Jean Brokish, Oahu RC&D

An Introduction to Conservation Easements (20 minutes)

- Tom Pierce, Attorney At Law LLC

Information: Use IRC Section 170(h) requirements as a way to introduce conservation easements and the benefits to landowners.

Meet your Local Land Trust (10 minutes)

- Jennifer Luck, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (formerly Kauai Public Land Trust)

Information: introduce land trust mission, service area, projects accomplished, etc.

Land Preservation Strategies (15 minutes)

- Sheri Mann, DLNR-Division of Forestry and Wildlife

Information: discuss strategies for land preservation (conservation values – i.e. importance, threats, strategic, readiness), and how land preservation supports land use plans

Programs to Support Land Preservation and Conservation Easements (20 minutes each- 10 minute presentations plus questions)

- Mike Whitt, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

Information: discuss FRPP, GRP, WRP program requirements and application process

- Molly Schmidt, Hawaii Legacy Land Conservation Program

Information: discuss LLCP requirements and application process

- Nani Sadora (to be confirmed), Kauai County Open Space Preservation Program

Information: discuss Open Space Fund program requirement and application process

- Irene Sprecher, DLNR-Division of Forestry and Wildlife

Information: discuss Forest Legacy Program and CREP. (Sheri's spreadsheet will be included in the packets, along with handouts on programs like F&WS recovery lands acquisition fund, NOAA's CELCP, Forest Stewardship, etc.

Working with Landowners to Put the Tools Together (10 minutes)

- Lea Hong, Trust for Public Land or John Henshaw, The Nature Conservancy

Information: how to work with landowners and piece together various programs for successful acquisition –include a couple real-life examples.

Leaving a Legacy (15 minutes)

- **Need suggestion for landowner(s)**

Information: share the how and why of family's decision to place a CE on property.

Q&A / Evaluations (10 minutes)