

# Conservation Easements

## – An Important Tool in Hawaii’s Sustainability Toolbox

Wednesday March 16, 2011

8:30am – 12:00pm

Maui Economic Opportunity

99 Mahalani Street

Wailuku, HI 96793

### 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)

- Dale Bonar, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (formerly Maui Coastal 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*

- Dale Bonar, Maui 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)