Opening remarks: Myrone Murakami
Today’s session is to review the maps and to look at where the agricultural activities are.
Protecting those lands are important and questions to consider are:
  • How do we save or buffer these lands
  • What tools are available?
  • What kinds of techniques or tools are available to us to buffer these lands?
  • What are the next steps?

Jeff Melrose commented:
The purpose of today’s meeting is to understand what is driving the success for agriculture in each of the counties.
  • What makes it work?
  • What are factors—land and water or other factors?
  • When those factors are understood, then look at methods for preservation of the broader agricultural areas
  • Next steps are to see where we need to go
    o If expertise is available, where?
    o Look to AFT as a resource with the information they have about the toolkit

What are the critical factors for success?
  • Puna appear to have as criteria
    o Cheap lands
    o Reasonable cost for housing
    o Seek crops that grow in ag lands that are not prime ag lands
  • North Kohala
    o Good lands, but little agricultural activities
    o Lands are being pressured for urban development

In seeking the criteria and the quantification of land for agriculture, the approach today is to look as this process as an industry-driven approach; not as a soil driven issue.
  o What lands are being cultivated now?
  o Where are the agricultural activities taking place?
  o What is driving its success?
  o On-going process of gathering information

Question: Ranch lands
  o Ranch lands are used for green open stace
  o Not found on farmable land
  o How to designate?
  o Ranch land that is identified as ag lands should be included

Procedure
  o Each group work on their own island
Comment on what are advantages/ problems
Pasture can be looked at as agriculture
  Ask Real Property tax office which are classified or dedicated for agriculture by crop
  Provide breakdown on land use allocation map
What system/protocol should be used?
  TMK based, access land is preferred
  Ruby Edwards will provide

Information requested
  Ag use/county (planning departments)
  Ag tax dedication data Real property/counties
    TMK
    Acreage
    Crop
    Zoning
    Applicant
    Yr. Applied
    Value
  Field Info
    TMK
    Crop
    Other attributes

Report back after mapping exercise:
The group is asked to complete the following Table of information: See attached.

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