• Most of maps indicating agriculture usage completed
• Maps from Kauai still pending

I. Base of maps
   ALISH identification of lands used
   • Self reporting
   • Not all agricultural activities identified on prime lands

II. Directive in Constitutional Mandate on IAL
   1) Soil quality – better lands for cultivation
   2) Is the physical quality only reason for IAL?
      a. Prime farmland and/or ag activity
   3) Where existing in regions can they be considered not best agricultural lands
      a. Submit those lands that are in ag, but not the best
      b. Use regional areas parallel with ag activities –
         • Investments
         • Infrastructure investments
   4) Map framework for incentives
      • How to do PDR, TDR

IV. Regional bubble-
• To help organize the state planning
• Want to establish base level incentives for all farms
• Additional for the regions
• Keep best incentives for IAL

V. Overlap with soil-based characteristics
• Which soil classification applicable
  o Use ALISH system-recommendation
    • Only system FEDs use for definition for farmland program
      PRIME- 1) without irrigation
      2) with irrigation
    • UNIQUE/OTHER – State’s discretion
      -Flexible
  o Do we need to have federally recognized definitions?
    • Needed if want to apply for funding for farmland protection
    • USDA only looking at perpetual designation for use of federal fund

1997 Definition is Prime (based in Hawaii)
• Based on 1977 definition of Prime (ALISH)
- Modified national definition
  - Take out steeper slope
  - 1976 definition

Other important ag lands include
Unique ≈ Kona Coffee Land
- Not many unique
- Other – in other crops
  - Unique climatic region that crops could be in their arena

RECOMMENDATIONS:
1. Come up with two types of mapping
   a. Ag activity bubble – CURRENT
   b. Ag Enterprise Zones – drawn down with in regions
      i. Certification – DOT, DOA, County Real Property
      ii. State/County taxes – based on activities
   c. Try identify resource maps
      i. Physical resources for IAL
      ii. Incentives to be framed
2. Utilize ALISH as base (new prime)
   a. Overlay 1: Any areas committed from the counties
   b. Prime of 1977 was tweaked to accommodate sugar & pineapple
      i. USDA has separate standard
      ii. USDA uses the DOA tweaked ALISH dropped as a result of
3. Revisit
   a. How is “prime” defined?
   b. Remapped
4. Criteria for IAL
   a. Mock-up ALISH committee
   b. Reconvene

Resource Maps
Revisited ALISH + County Growth Plans = Priority Ag Lands (2/3rd)
Prime/Unique

Criteria for ag “viability-mapping” → list of criteria for success

Enterprise Maps

Country agriculture = small-lot ag
Homestead areas
Loi-Valley Lands
(Puna, Kona, Haiku, Makaha, Waialua, Omo’a, Olinda, Kula, Waipio, Hanalei)
Incentives:
  - RPT tax incentive

Commercial agriculture = public/private
Water investments
Region benefits/regional costs
Benefits:
  - water priority
  - RPT incentives
  - other targeted needs
What ag is today –
  • not completed the maps
  • will help define Enterprise Maps

Updated system
Revisited top that needs NRCS definitions

Counties undertake a process
  • Nominate areas that the Enterprise Zones
  • Address ag viability
    o Prime is where ag is under current usage
    • want to incentivize

If not prime want and owners want to sell/donate easement
  • Can be donated, and receive charitable contribution
  • Cannot get paid for it

Landowner has a menu to choose from
  Seeking to structure incentives
  Criteria – would help identify and determine the incentives

What makes agriculture successful – generate lists
  • Maui
  • Hawaii
  • Oahu
  • Kauai

NCRS: Chris Smith
  • Prime Farmland criteria
  • Lands need to be important for agriculture to keep or dump, if not
  • Take out urban designated lands from the mix
  • New prime criteria – minus urban

  • LAND USE COVER → Oahu
    o Decide enterprise zones
Suggested features
- What goes into commercial map
- Attach features that are recommended

Bring protocol on more forward
Present a better understanding of the diversify the issues

When revise ALISH
- Leave at prime
- Function comes under the Enterprise
- Equate – unique & other to new definitions
- Prime land
  - Subtract – 12 or 14 factors (sugar/pineapple lands → MET)
- subtract current urban
- criteria for success – where all ag is located –> NOAA mapping

Next Meeting:
September 30
8 to 11  Ag Feasibility
11:15 to 2  Criteria & Qualifications

Plant Quarantine