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Aloha All:

990813 MISC Meeting Notes below courtesy of Melissa Dumaran, HI-ARNG.

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p.s. - pls pardon any double-postings - rtb

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Hi everyone,

Thanks for your clarifications. Here is the final version for your info:

Minutes of Maui Invasive Species Committee

August 13, 1999, 1-3 p.m., Maui County Planning Department Conference Room, Wailuku.

Present: Randy Bartlett (Maui Pineapple Co), Pat Bily (The Nature Conservancy), Duane Nelson (US Forest Service), Fern Duvall (DLNR-DOFAW), Bob Hobdy (DLNR-DOFAW), Ellen VanGelder (USGS-BRD), Forest Starr (USGS-BRD), Kim Martz (USGS-BRD), Scott Splean (MHPCC/UNM), Leslie Orzetti (DoD Legacy), Joan Canfield (USGS-BRD), Melissa Dumaran (State DoD), Fred Kraus (USGS-BRD), Mike Richardson (USFWS), Nathan Varnes (Tri-Isle RC & D).

NEW BUSINESS:

New member. Leslie Orzetti from the DoD's Legacy Program (Washington, DC) was introduced to the group. She was involved in funding \$200,000 of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant (\$206,000), and is currently conducting independent stream research on Maui. Leslie will be periodically reporting back to the grantees on the progress of MISC as well as keeping MISC aware of any additional funding sources as they become available.

MISC positions. MISC coordinator interviews were completed that day (Aug 13) with a selection to be made by early next week. Anticipated start date for the selected candidate is end of August, with the PR/Education Specialist, 5 field technicians and 1 field leader to be on board by the end of September.

MISC workshop. A MISC workshop was proposed for July 2000, after the crew is on board full-time for nine months. At this time, the MISC committee can re-assess work completed, goals, and priorities in order to refine strategies for the remaining term.

OLD BUSINESS:

MISC FY2000 funding. Duane and Randy summarized the funding strategy for next legislative session. They proposed one comprehensive request for state-wide weed control, since in past sessions there were numerous bills coming in from competing island weed initiatives. This next session, \$700,000 for the entire state will be requested. Three possible funding mechanisms are via excess funds in the Natural Areas Partnership Program (to be tapped again this year with assistance from The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Lori Hoo, TNCH), a water tax bill, and a percentage of the hotel room tax. CGAPS will create a brief executive summary package consisting of a budget, draft bill, and a products/results page. The group agreed that

what is really needed is a consistent, dedicated source of funding for statewide invasive species programs. The long-term strategy for MISC would be to create a council for weed control with oversight by DOA or DLNR, thereby ensuring dedicated base funding each year. Leslie Orzetti said that she would e-mail MISC information about DoD's "Strategic Environmental Research and Development" that funds interagency initiative over a multi-year grant cycle.

New plants. Forest Starr reported observations of kudzu near Keanai, and Pat Bily has seen some random plants on Maui (although he doesn't think its naturalizing). Pat also reported thistle near Kula agricultural park (Palehu Rd.).

New TMK database acquisition. Joan Canfield said that a tax map key (TMK) database that interfaces with GIS applications is available for \$9,000 to all federal agencies. It contains parcel boundary delineations, land owner and contact information, and is an annual subscription. Currently federal agencies such as the US Fish and Wildlife are combining resources to purchase the database; a balance of \$1000 is needed. MISC approved \$1000 for the acquisition of the shared database.

New vertebrates. Carribean frogs: Fern Duvall said he's getting new reports from the Pukalani area. Fred Kraus mentioned that there may be money for toxicant research from DOA. Fred also stated that the 2nd edition of the frog fact sheet (via the UH Ag' Extension Service) is due to hit all the hotels in the State (~670) and all the nurseries (~1400). Fern Duvall and Pat Bily have unconfirmed reports which indicate Black Cardinals could be in the Hana/Waikamoi area. Fern Duvall reported 42 parrots in the Twin Falls area.

Miconia. Hana core: Bob Hobdy said the crew is successfully working at containing the west side of the core area, which should be completed in a few months. The crew will then move on to the Hana Ranch area. The crew has begun aerial spraying every 2 months (starting July 30), mapping the treated areas and also performing basal bark trials (with diesel and garlon) which were successful. However, Bob said there definitely needs to be re-treatment in areas that were treated 2-3 years ago, and that the outlier populations need serious attention. Pat Bily had nothing new to report on the status of the peripheral populations.

MISC budget status. Melissa Dumaran said that the contract to receive the \$206,000 NFWF grant is pending the signatures of the State Attorney General and the Adjutant General of the Hawaii National Guard. Nathan Varnes reported that the Board of Water Supply approved \$100,000, and that the Maui County Council approved \$60,000. Randy suggested that considering the recent reporting of a \$600,000 county budget shortfall, it may be wise for the committee to consider giving back \$20,000 as a gesture of support to the Council. The committee agreed, however, to only give this year's money back with the condition that the council can ear-mark it for MISC the following year.

Operation Miconia T-shirts. The committee approved \$1000 for the purchase of 100 "Operation Miconia T-shirts." The shirts will be given to the MISC work crew and to volunteers who work on the project.

DLNR Exotic Wildlife Licensing Program. Fern Duvall and Fred Kraus handed out a set of guidelines for the proposed licencing of injurious wildlife importation, Maui and Oahu. The committee generally concurred with the guidelines and suggested MISC write a letter of support which Randy will sign and send to DLNR. The letter to DOFAW will also include recommendations for further safeguards.

Hawaii weed publication. Soon to be released is the "Hawaii Forest and Rangeland Noxious Weed Control" publication which details approximately 155 pest species (identification, brief description, nomenclature, management and control). \$13,000 - \$15,000 is needed to print 1,000 copies of the

publication before the next Conservation Conference; \$3,000 is needed from MISC. The committee approved a \$3000 contribution to this project at the last meeting and decided to reserve the right to contribute another \$2000 later on if the MISC budget allows.

New jobs. Duane Nelson said 4 field crew positions will be available on the Big Island. Fred Kraus said DLNR will be hiring 2 weed specialist positions on Oahu via the Fountain Grass Working Group.

Next meeting. Scheduled for September 10, 1999, 9am - 12 noon at the future home of the MISC crew, NIFTAL site at Hookipa.

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"If you want change, you must be the change." -- Mahatma Gandhi  
"This is it." -- Wyatt Musashi Maui Bartlett - age 2, 1997  
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