

Molokai MISC Subcommittee Meeting

Wed., Jan. 23, 2002

10:30 am to 12:00 am

Plant Materials Center

Attendance: Kali Arce, Sheila Cox, Guy Hughes, Bob Joy, Debbie Kelly, Tina Lau, Glenn Sakamoto.

Meeting Notes

I. INTRODUCTION

- **Meeting notes.** No corrections to the meeting notes.
- **Meeting frequency.** The subcommittee decided to have quarterly meetings with groups meeting if needed.

II. OUTREACH GROUP

- **Brochure.** Stef got the MoMISC brochure printed and mailed out to all Molokai mailboxes. It was sent with TNC newsletter in the past week. About 3200 were mailed, with about 800 extra copies of the brochure remaining for distribution at partner agency offices. The total cost of printing and mailing was \$1888.
- **Poster.** Distribution sites will be determined at a separate outreach group meeting. Distribution points will be at west, central and east locations of the island. The cost of a professional printer to make a 17x24 inch poster with a minimum of 500 copies is out of the range of this subcommittee. Less than 20 posters will be needed for the whole island. The poster will be printed in a 17x24 inch size and color copied at Kinko's or Business Depot. KHNP just received 2 new printers that may be able to print the poster. Guy will check on the size of the print surface. Kali has a laminator at her office to preserve it.
- **Outreach material.** Pen with logo should be in a style that people will use. Group decided that it should be round, have no cap, medium point, regular length, and have a clip. Other good items are magnets with clips, a letter opener with a magnet back, and collared shirt.
- **Recognition.** In addition to gifts to people who assist MoMISC, a running list should be available. Those people can be recognized at Earthday.
- **Display.** Permanent display for Honolulu airport. An ISC display may be a good idea at the main interisland terminal to educate visitors before they reach Molokai. It could be near the DOA display. Ask other ISC's if they are interested.

III. RESPONSE GROUP

- **Cat's claw.** In Waiakalae gulch, a total of 1854 plants were pulled and 203 plants were herbicided last quarter. The Nov. Flooding events have probably washed a new set of seeds downstream, further spreading the plants. Alton Arakaki advised that follow-up control efforts must be done, or don't start. The cat's claw population may extend all the way to the north cliffs. Need to go back to step one and do the aerial survey of east kalae population to determine feasibility of control over the longrun. The objective of control is to contain the east Kalae population so that it does not spread further downstream and east.

Suggestions to contract a group to do control work every 6 months, aerial spray, or use a bulldozer. A bulldozer can be driven down to the gulch floor along roads, but will not likely be able to drive through the streambed terrain. There are concerns about the effects of spraying herbicide into a streambed. Water tanks are above the population, but could still leach into the water table. Pools of water were seen in early November. Need to consult the herbicide label on the degradation process.

- **Australian Tree fern.** The nursery selling this fern has been notified of the threats. They are attempting to sell more native plants, but availability is always a problem.
- **Pampas grass.** A survey in Maunaloa was done in January and no inflorescence were seen.
- **Pereskia aculeata.** Scheduling a meeting date to determine Halawa landowner and ask permission to control. Recommended herbicide for control is Arsenal or Chopper RTU. Send an e-mail message regarding the field date so that other members can attend.

IV. OTHER REPORTS

- **Emergency Environmental Workforce.** MoMISC had 3 people to hire but no supervisory capacity was found. The workers went to the county.
- **State DOA inspector.** There is currently no state DOA inspector on Molokai to inspect incoming shipments from at the wharf and airport. This is a particular void that needs to be filled. A part-time floating position to inspect the wharf and farms is greatly needed. In the past, a position was not created because there was not enough traffic to and from Molokai. A recent incident of a gold dust day gecko arriving on a pallet of plants on the barge illustrates very well that an inspector is needed. The gecko is a first time observation for this species on Molokai and will be sent to Bishop Museum for vouchering. Request that MISC lobby for inclusion of a Molokai DOA position.

V. NEXT MEETING

Date: Tues., April 2, 2002

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Location: Plant Materials Center