

MoMISC Meeting Notes

Feb. 7, 2005

The Nature Conservancy Office

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Attendance: Kali Arce, Sam Aruch, Lori Buchanan, Bill Garnett, Bob Joy, Tina Lau, Susan Marshall, Teya Penniman.

Meeting Notes

I. INTRODUCTION

- **Staff Update.** An additional Field Worker staff position has been added and is expected to begin in the couple weeks. This position will be supervised by Lori Buchanan.
- **Approval of last meeting notes.** No corrections to last meeting notes.

II. BUDGET

- **Invasive Species Funds Update (Teya).** Governor Lingle released the last \$ 1million in invasive species funds for Hawaii in FY2005. HISC and State funds together total \$340,000 for Maui County. The Molokai budget will be in the range of \$110 K to \$115 K. Funds will be allocated for the new position hire, upgrading the currently existing position, vehicle lease, aerial survey (\$10K), supplies and equipment for field and outreach. HISC outreach positions will also be hired soon and housed on Kauai, Big Island, and Oahu (serves Oahu and Maui County). In regards to HDOA's role in CGAPS, they are not a funder; HDOA's role is prevention within their agency.
- **CGAPS Grant proposal (Tina).** The proposal for an algae outreach position was funded.

III. PREVENTION

- **Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture Position Request (Lori).** Lyle Wong and his staff have been invited to come to Molokai to meet with MoMISC staff and interested committee members to talk about the reality of getting an HDOA inspector on island. HDOA can also provide ideas on how to comprehensively and conveniently minimize opportunities for the introduction of pests. This may include a field trip to assess Molokai's ports and other potential avenues for pest import and export identified by HDOA.
- **Snake Response Training (Mindy).** Snake training on Molokai was successful. MoMISC will create a response plan.
- **WRA (Tina).** Carter Smith will be on island on Feb. 17 to present weed risk assessment information to interested parties.
- **Decontamination.** Decontamination methods are needed. Trae Menard has written an article on vehicle clean-up for species such as *Tibouchina* and fountain grass. Superferry invasive species opposition has led to spray set-up. If vehicles are not clean, they'll be turned away. Lori is talking within the Molokai Planning Commission to require a cleaning protocol. Permits

are conditional use, and therefore withdrawn by County Planning Enforcement if broken (housed on Maui).

IV. OUTREACH (Lori)

- **Strategy.** The outreach and prevention strategies for 2005 include holding monthly informational workshops that will be held during working hours to insure a captive audience, creating a Powerpoint presentation to be used at the workshops, maintaining airport kiosk information that is changed at least quarterly. Lori is also working to incorporate invasive pest awareness into the Molokai community planning process.

V. RESPONSE (Lori and Tina).

- **Bulbul.** No additional bulbul sightings confirmed. Plan and strategy to be revised. To consult Sam Aruch, Suzie Marshall, Fern Duvall, DOFAW, Hawaiian Research....
- **Giant Reed.** Staff is currently using manual removal of rhizomes. May be able to use a new Round-up formulation that is effective on soft succulent plants; Restricted use.
- **Australian Tree Fern.** The committee members have agreed to officially list this species as a priority weed species. About 15 to 20 residences have this plant and 90 % of owners have indicated willingness to remove it.
- **Wood rose.** Only one population growing along the forestry road and directly threatens natural areas has been targeted for control. Half of the population has been controlled.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE

- **Meeting date & time.** Monday, May. 9, 2005, 10 AM to Noon.
- **Location.** The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Conference Room.