

**State Technical Advisory Committee  
Videoconference Meeting  
February 23, 2009  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

10:00 – 10:15	Welcome and Introductions	Dennis Kimberlin
10:15 – 10:30	Healthy Forest Reserve Program (HFRP)	Michael Whitt
10:30 – 11:00	Department of Land and Natural Resources	Ronald J. Cannarella
11:00 – 11:30	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)	Irene Sprecher
1:00 – 1:05	Welcome and Introductions	Dennis Kimberlin
1:05 – 2:00	Update on New Farm Bill	Dennis Kimberlin
2:00 – 2:30	Application and Ranking Process	Denise Wiedenheft
2:30 – 2:45	BREAK	
2:45 – 3:00	Resource Concerns for 2009	Denise Wiedenheft
3:00 – 3:15	Payment Schedule	Denise Wiedenheft
3:15 – 3:30	Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) (FRPP) <i>Easements</i> <i>Appraisal Process</i> <i>GARC</i>	Michael Whitt
3:30 – 3:45	Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) Focus of Grants awarded Current focus	Michael Whitt
3:45 – 4:00	Discussion and Closing	Dennis Kimberlin

Sites:

- 1) Oahu – Capitol Center Videoconference Center, Capitol Center Building, 1177 Alakea Street, Room 302, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- 2) Hawaii - Hilo Videoconference Center, Hilo State Office Building, 75 Aupuni Street, Basement Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (974-6241)
- 3) Kauai – Lihue Videoconference Center, Lihue State Office Building, 3060 Eiwa Street, Basement, Lihue, Hawaii 96766 (274-3002)t
- 4) Maui – Wailuku Videoconference Center, Wailuku Judiciary Building ,2145 Main Street, First Floor , Wailuku, Hawaii 96793 (243-5775)

## Background Information for the Hawaii State-wide Assessment of Forest Conditions and State-wide Resource Strategy (SWARS)

Subject: Background materials for DLNR Presentation at Monday's STAC meeting.

Hi All,

Please feel free to forward this email to anyone who you think might be interested in Hawaii SWARS.

The State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources/Division of Forestry and Wildlife is about to begin work on two important documents; 1) our State-wide Assessment of Forest Conditions and 2) our State-wide Resource Strategy (collectively referred to as SWARS). Each State is required to submit these two documents to the USDA Secretary of Agriculture no later than June 18, 2010 in order to qualify for a large number of USDA programs, including Cooperative Fire Assistance, Forest Stewardship, Urban and Community Forestry, Conservation Education to name a few.

The State is required to coordinate the development of their SWARS with three committees: The Forest Stewardship Committee, The Forest Legacy Committee and the State Technical Advisory Committee (STAC).

NRCS has added DLNR to the agenda of the next meeting of the STAC which will be held at the State Video Conference Centers in Lihue, Wailuku, Hilo and the Keoni Ana Building in downtown Honolulu. From 10:30 to 11:00 AM, Ron Cannarella (the author of this email), forester with DOFAW will introduce the Hawaii SWARS, and a STAC Working Group will be established to help guide the process.

In order to facilitate the development of the Hawaii SWARS, a website has been created to serve as a repository for documents, to centralize communication and to accept public comment on Hawaii SWARS documents as they are created. Using new web technologies will help us conserve paper, reduce the need for interisland travel and will provide an unprecedented degree of transparency and openness as we create these documents.

So, instead of printing out and mailing many pounds of paper, I am instead providing these links for those of you who might be interested in assisting the Hawaii SWARS Working Group.

The website for the Hawaii SWARS is <http://www.hawaiistateassessment.info/> On that site are a list of links. The most important of these links is [http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/redesign/state\\_assess\\_strategies.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/redesign/state_assess_strategies.pdf) That document, and particularly Appendix A provide detailed instructions on what must be addressed in the SWARS.

For an example of a completed State Assessment (the first document), please take a look at the DRAFT Texas Assessment (this is a rather large two-pounder PDF so it may take a

while to download), at

[http://hawaii.stateassessment.info/guidance\\_docs/Texas%20Statewide%20Assessment%20of%20Forest%20Resources--Draft--26-August-2008.pdf](http://hawaii.stateassessment.info/guidance_docs/Texas%20Statewide%20Assessment%20of%20Forest%20Resources--Draft--26-August-2008.pdf)

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