



2026 Kaua'i Local Working Group Meetings

Hanapepe Library, Thursday, August 6, 2026, 5:00pm

Kapaa Library, Thursday August 13, 2026, 5:00pm

Link to Survey: [2026 Kauai Ag Conservation Priorities survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026KauaiAgSurvey) (Open until August 29th)



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A. Welcome, Housekeeping & Meeting Purpose – 5 minutes

Facilitators: Umi Martin, Director (West) / Eric Hansen, Director (East)

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Housekeeping: restrooms, food, etc.
3. Ground rules
4. Purpose and Goals

B. Partners Introductions – 10 minutes

1. East and West Kaua'i Soil and Water Conservation Districts
2. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 - i. USDA-NRCS Programs introduction
3. USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA)
 - i. USDA-FSA Programs information
4. Other Partner Introduction
 - i. Brief overview of organization and programs or assistance they may have to offer
5. Contact information
 - i. Partner contact information will be included in the meeting follow-up materials.

C. Review of Local Resource Data – 5 minutes

Presenter: Jenna Dunn, USDA-NRCS District Conservationist – 5 minutes

1. Resource data and maps
2. Current conservation trends

D. Identify & prioritize resource concerns/priority issues – 80 minutes

Facilitator: Umi Martin, Director (West) & Eric Hansen, Director (East)

1. Participants will rotate through four breakout stations
 - a. Identify local resource concerns
 - b. Discuss challenges & barriers
 - c. Identify potential solutions and resources to address concerns or barriers
 - d. Recommend priorities and future actions

Breakout topics - 20 minutes per station

1. Water Resources & Water Quality
2. Soil, Plant Health & Agriculture Productivity
3. Grazing Lands, Forestry & Wildlife Habitat
4. Agricultural Resilience & Emerging Conservation Needs

E. Prioritization & Break- 20 minutes

1. Each participant will vote on their top 5 concerns. Use the star to identify the most important concern.

F. Summary & Next Steps – 15 minutes –

Facilitator Umi Martin, Director (West) / Eric Hansen, Director (East)

1. Summary/report of meeting
2. Additional Questions
3. Parking lot items
4. Next steps

Kauai Soil & Water Conservation District webpage: www.KauaiSWCD.org

NRCS Pacific Islands Area webpage: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/conservation-by-state/pacific-islands-area>

Participants are encouraged to continue sharing thoughts through the Kauai Agricultural Conservation Priorities Survey. If you did not have an opportunity to share your ideas during today's meeting, would like to provide more detailed comments, or wish to discuss additional concerns, we welcome your input. **Comments may also be submitted by email to ewkswcd@gmail.com Feedback from this meeting and the survey will help inform future conservation priorities, partnership opportunities, strategic planning, and project development for the Kauai Soil & Water Conservation Districts and our Conservation Partners.*

NEXT MEETINGS:

West Kauai SWCD: Tuesday August 11th and September 15th at 3pm at National Tropical Botanical Garden Education Room.

See online schedule location and date information: <https://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/>

East Kauai SWCD: Monday August 10th and September 14th at 2pm at Kauai Department of Health Conference Room **See**

online schedule location and date information: <https://calendar.ehawaii.gov/calendar/>

Written Testimony can be submitted by interested persons in advance of each meeting that will be distributed to Board Members prior to the meeting. We request written testimony be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting to ensure time for Board Members to review it. Late written testimony will be retained as part of the record, but we cannot ensure Board Members will receive it with sufficient time for review prior to decision-making. Submit written testimony to ewkswcd@gmail.com

Live oral/video testimony during the online meeting, email your request to ewkswcd@gmail.com We request written testimony be submitted no later than 24 hours in advance to allow time for board members to review. Please include your name, phone number, email address, and the agenda item on which you would like to testify. Once your request has been received, you will receive a confirmation email from East & West Kauai SWCDs. You will need a computer with internet access, video camera and microphone to participate. If you wish to give oral testimony by phone only, please indicate that in your email request. Testimony will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per person per agenda item.

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