

February 2018: Rats, slugs, and bugs workshop, Maui Land Lizards, 2018 legislative session, Kaiaka Bay, World Wetland's Day, Positive Payload Grant, etc.

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West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Working with Farmers and Community to Conserve Hawaii's Soil and Water Resources since 1950.

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### **Celebrating World Wetland's Day at Kawainui Marsh**

Ramsar World Wetlands Day is celebrated worldwide every Feb. 2, to commemorate the first wetlands convention held in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971. This event in Hawaii recognizes the 2005 designation of the Kawainui-Hāmakua Marsh Complex as a Ramsar wetland of international importance. This year we celebrate [Urban Wetlands](#). The global theme is "Wetlands for a Sustainable Urban Future."

On Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9am-12 noon, volunteers are invited to join the State of Hawaii, DLNR, Division of Forestry and Wildlife at Hāmakua Marsh to mālama the wetland, remove Invasive species, connect to the culture of this special place, and celebrate World Wetlands Day.

**Pack:** Clean, sturdy shoes for working outdoors, reusable water bottle, wear long sleeve shirt, pants, insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses.

**Directions/Parking:** Hāmakua marsh site in the Kawainui-Hāmakua Wildlife Sanctuary -

Head down Kailua Rd. towards Kailua town. Turn right onto Hāmakua Dr. Drive for about 1/4 mile. Turn right after Firestone Autocare onto a gravel access road look for Staff and work trucks.

**REGISTER:**

[http://dlnr.ivolunteer.com/kawainui\\_030](http://dlnr.ivolunteer.com/kawainui_030)

Family friendly, no dogs.

contact: Kekai Mar, RCUH-PCSU Oahu Outreach & Education Specialist, [\(808\) 518-8503](tel:8085188503)



**Nā Mo'ō 'Āina: Maui Land Lizards**

Nā Mo'ō 'Āina-Land Lizards is a 4-H Club of King Kekaulike's Hawaiian Language Immersion Program guided by Kumu Rebecca Kapolei Kiili. Students participated and won both the county and state SWCD Land Judging contest and received the invitation to represent Hawai'i at the annual National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma in May 2018. This national contest hosts over 1000 students and advisors annually.

Students, Kaye Carson, Kale'a Paiva, Makaanahē Emmesley, and Mihi'ula Mokiao have been Hawaiian language immersion students since preschool enriching their bilingual language public educational experiences. They are all currently enrolled in AP courses, a UHMC college course, and working to earn their privilege of graduating from Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'o Kekaulike in 2018. These well-rounded students also participate in several sports, service learning opportunities, and maintain a gpa of 4.0 and higher. All 4 members are college bound following high school.

"Their competitive spirit keeps them motivated, moving, and in this case making history! What an amazing opportunity to be the first ever Hawaiian Language Immersion student team! We are excited!" remarks Kumu Kapolei.

[Funds raised](#) will be for the travel, lodging, meals, fees, and other incidental costs for their preparation and participation in this three day national contest. The students are true ambassadors of aloha who take a lot of pride in knowing their language, history, culture, values, and practices. They believe in aloha 'āina, and have demonstrated their commitment to caring for our environment in the many service learning projects throughout their high school careers. They have volunteered with the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission, Keālia Pond National Wildlife Refuge, Hui Mālama o Waikapū, East Maui Watershed Partnership, and Haleakalā National Park to name a few. They have worked hard since ninth grade and would value the opportunity to end their senior year with this awesome experience.

Donations can be made through the student's [Go Fund Me](#) account or via check, payable to: Central Maui SWCD Central Maui SWCD c/o 77 Ho'okele Street Suite 202 Kahului, HI 96732 and include: 4-H Nā Mo'ō 'Āina-Land Lizards in the memo.

Mahalo nui loa to the SWCDs for their sponsorship of the annual Conservation Awareness Program Land Judging Contest and to the Central Maui SWCD for their commitment in helping our Maui team get to nationals!

He ali'i ka 'āina, he kauwā ke kanaka. The land is chief and man his servant. 'Ōlelo No'eau #531 (Pukui, 1983)

Contact: Kumu Kapolei Kiili at [kumukapolei@gmail.com](mailto:kumukapolei@gmail.com)



### **Ag Day at the Capitol**

The widely celebrated statewide agriculture celebration will take place February 15, from 11am - 1pm at the Hawaii State Capitol. Ag Day at the Capitol is open to the public and features information, opportunities to engage with agriculture leaders from around the state, as well as fun and tasty samples of local foods and products.

## **Play an active role in the Hawaii Legislative Process**

The Hawaii legislative session opened January 17, 2018.

Register electronically with the [Hawaii State Legislature](#) for the ability to:

- Create personalized measure tracking lists
- Submit testimony without the need to re-enter required information
- Receive hearing notice notification by e-mail.

New to the legislative process? Check out the "[Citizen's Guide to Participation in the Legislative Process](#)"



### **Hawaii County Farm Bureau Federation Meeting: East Oahu County.**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7pm

**Location:** Kaneohe Extension Service Office [45-260 Waikalua Road](#), Kaneohe

### **Agenda:**

- Presentation about farmer protection from accidents, disabilities, and illness (Amy Blackwell of American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus)
- Planning for Farm Fair and HFBF Convention 2018

Light refreshments provided

Contact Grant Hamachi for more information ([808-542-9165](tel:808-542-9165))

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O'ahu Resource Conservation & Development Council

## FREE Workshop

### **Rats, Slugs, & Bugs: Integrated Pest Management for Farmers**

Attend this FREE workshop by O'ahu RC&D to learn about Integrated Pest Management and Food Safety on the farm. These tools and tips will be presented by O'ahu RC&D, DOH, and CTAHR. Join us to apply these practices to your farm!



**Date: Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Location: Kahumana Organic Farm**

*Space is limited.*

*Please register to save your seat.*

*Light refreshments will be provided.*

**Register today!**

**<http://ratslugsandbugsworkshop.eventbrite.com>**

Contact O'ahu RC&D Project Coordinator, Frankie Koethe for questions:

[Frankie.Koethe@oahurcd.org](mailto:Frankie.Koethe@oahurcd.org) | 808-388-5340

### **Rats, Slugs, & Bugs: Integrated Pest Management for Farmers in Hawaii**

The Oahu Resource Conservation and Development Council (Oahu RC&D) is hosting a free workshop with the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) and the Department of Health (DOH) on integrated pest management and food safety.

Where: Kahumana Organic Farm & Cafe

Date: February 9th

Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Presentations from Oahu RC&D, DOH, and CTAHR as well as a field demonstration.

Register at: [ratsslugsandbugsworkshop.eventbrite.com](https://ratsslugsandbugsworkshop.eventbrite.com)

Questions? Contact: [Frankie.Koethe@OahuRCD.org](mailto:Frankie.Koethe@OahuRCD.org) or call 808.388.5340

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### **Help A Worthy Charity Get A \$2,000 Donation**

AmericanTrucks is proud to launch the Positive Payload Program.

The Positive Payload Program is designed to benefit non-profit charitable organizations who use and rely on pickup trucks to better their community. Anyone who works with or volunteers for a charity that uses Ford F-150s, Chevrolet Silverados, GMC Sierras, or Dodge Rams is welcome to apply for a \$2,000 donation to the charity they are involved with. The person who nominates the selected charity will be awarded \$200 (via mailed check) and an AmericanTrucks t-shirt.

Winter Award: Nominations are due December 31. Award notifications: January 31.

Summer Award: Nominations are due May 31. Award notifications: June 30.

[Eligibility details](#)

[Apply.](#)



**UPDATE:**

The draft Kaiaka Bay Watershed-Based Plan has been posted on the Hawaii Clean Water Branch website for public review and comment.

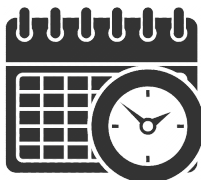
The plan will be presented at a public meeting on February 21, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Waiialua Elementary School Cafeteria. Deadline to submit public comments is March 10, 2018.

After the plan is finalized in April of 2018, partners will work to procure funding for implementation of priority measures and projects.

Contact: Katie Franklin via email: [Katie@townscapeinc.com](mailto:Katie@townscapeinc.com) or phone: [808.550.3895](tel:808.550.3895)

- [Kaiaka WBP\\_Vol 1 Characterization\\_PublicReviewDraft\\_Dec2017](#)
- [Kaiaka WBP\\_Vol 2 Implementation Plan\\_PublicReviewDraft\\_Dec2017](#)
- [Appendix A – Geomorphic Assessment of Poamoho Stream](#)

See full details [here](#)



**Calendar of Events**

**Aggie Events and Deadlines:** Get involved in Oahu Agriculture

- February 5: HFUU Waianae Chapter meeting at Kahumana Organic Farm
- February 6: East Oahu County Hawaii Farm Bureau Meeting
- February 8: [Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program](#) grant proposals due
- February 9: [Rats, Slugs, and Bugs, IMP Workshop](#)
- February 15: [Ag Day at the Capitol](#)
- February 26: NRCS [Conservation Innovation Grant](#) deadline

- February 27: West Oahu SWCD meeting (details below)

[Hawaii Farm to School Calendar](#)



**Online Workshops with NRCS:**

Visit NRCS's online training opportunities and a list of archived webinars [here](#)

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**West Oahu SWCD February Meeting:** February 27, 2018 at 12:30pm

**Location of all meetings:** Crop Production Services Conference Room, Kunia Village 92-1770 Kunia Road, Kunia HI 96759. Please enter through the side door.

**West Oahu SWCD Directors:** Larry Jeffs (Chair), Peter Gibson, Alan Gottlieb, John McHugh, & Joe Para.  
Associate Director: Mike Glidden.

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