

Together We Farm grants, Produce Safety workshops, Wildfire planning, Hydro Workshop, welcome Dani, teacher development, and more.

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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.



West Oahu SWCD warmly welcomes intern Danielle, "Dani", Kapeliela. Through early May 2019, we invite you to stop by our offices on Thursday to meet her or connect with her at our community outreach events and ag workshops.

--- Get to know Dani ---

Aloha! My name is Danielle Kapeliela and I was born and raised in Waipio. I am currently a Senior at the University of Hawaii at West Oahu and majoring in Sustainable Community Food Systems. I also have a certificate in Plant Bioscience Technology from Leeward Community College. My hobbies include vegetable gardening and digital drawing. My goal in life is to improve Hawaii's food system by working with farmers, State Senators, and other crucial agricultural resources to encourage and aid local farmers in increasing the State's food security and resilience to food price volatility and natural disasters. I am excited to have an opportunity that aligns with my goal to assist farmers and hone my oral presentation skills by facilitating educational workshops.

A hui hou!

Dani



Farm and Ranch Grants

West Oahu SWCD is offering \$25,000 in grants through Together We Farm (TWF).

TWF participants are invited to submit a proposal for up to \$2,500 per farm/ranch to support best practices learned through the TWF series.

Details below:

- Applications can be found [here](https://goo.gl/forms/Dz0IL31gDQRT3IKg2): <https://goo.gl/forms/Dz0IL31gDQRT3IKg2>
- Applications are due by 5:00pm February 28, 2019
- Funded projects must be completed with all receipts and reports to West Oahu by June 14, 2019
- Web-based submissions only.
- Must have participated in and submitted a completed evaluation for a TWF workshop.
- Thai translation and interpretation provided upon request.

Are you interested in funding this program? We welcome donations and contributions. Contact Michelle Gorham via phone 808.729.1676 or email: WestOahuSWCD@gmail.com

Special mahalo to our funding partners including Hawaii Department of Agriculture, DuPont Pioneer, Hartung Brothers, Inc., Corteva, Nutrien, Bayer, Ulupono, South Oahu County Farmer's Association, and D.R. Horton.



HDOA announces the availability of up to \$99,000 in program funds for one project to promote the EAT LOCAL message through a media campaign.

Proposals due March 1, 2019.

The campaign would apply statewide over a 12-month period, to begin July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, and must include metrics that provide measurable outcomes which demonstrate that the campaign reached a high number of consumers statewide.

Solicitation Title: Eatlocal19_media

Link: <https://hands.ehawaii.gov/hands/opportunities/opportunity-details/16661>

Find more opportunities by visiting the state procurement website. Type in "agriculture"



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2019 Produce Safety Webinar Series for Growers

The Food Safety Modernization (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule affects fruit and vegetable growers.

Attend these one-hour webinars for information about best practices, risk management and regulatory requirements.

Fridays 2/15 * 2/22 * 3/15 * 3/22 from 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Registration is free

Save the Date!

Feb. 15, 2019 : Difference Between The Produce Safety Rule & GAPs Certification

Register: <https://produce-safety-feb15.eventbrite.com>

Feb. 22, 2019: Are You Covered By The Produce Safety Rule?

Register: <https://produce-safety-feb22.eventbrite.com>

March 15, 2019: Are You Exempt From The Produce Safety Rule?

Register: <https://produce-safety-march1.eventbrite.com>

March 22nd: Having An On-Farm Readiness Review On Your Farm

Register: <https://produce-safety-march15.eventbrite.com>



Your Voice in Agriculture Policy Matters

It is legislative session.

Each resident of Hawaii has the opportunity to influence policy. There are some things you can do to stay involved, but not feel like politics are overwhelming your life.

- Subscribe to newsletters. Many organizations track bills and will provide links, timing, and a platform to submit testimony. ***Reading the bills in full is important. The titles and summaries often do not fully convey what the policy obligates the people of Hawaii and our farmers to do. Reading the full bill is strongly advised.**
- Submit testimony on-line [here](https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/login/login.aspx):
<https://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/login/login.aspx>

- Stop by capitol events. February 6th 11am-1pm is Ag Day at the Capitol. It is a fun and informative way to stay connected with Hawaii's many ag partners. It's free, too!
- Stop by the capitol to talk with your policy makers. Share your thoughts. Learn how you local elected leaders plan to vote for bills of interest.
- Email your senators and representatives to learn more about the bills they are sponsoring and supporting. This way you can learn how each elected official is serving your community.

Your voice in agriculture matters. Thank you for being a partner.

Sincerely,
The West Oahu SWCD Ohana



Join the Vegetative Fuels Management Collaborative Action Planning Workshop on O'ahu on **Tuesday, February 19** hosted by Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization and partners.

Register for FREE and confirm your spot by Friday, February 15

[RSVP Here](#)

When: Tuesday, February 19, 2 - 5 p.m.

Where: Mililani District Park - Main Hall (94-1150 Lanikuhana Ave., Mililani)

Join the broader community of O'ahu professionals dealing with wildfire threats and impacts. Your mana'o on vegetation management needs and priority next step actions to reduce wildfire threats across Oahu's landscapes is important to identifying shared priorities and generating project ideas.

During the workshop, participants will:

- Check out the results of recent efforts to map current management of hazardous vegetative fuels (thanks to all of the information that partners contributed).
- Identify and discuss shared regional fuels management priorities to mitigate the risks of wildfire across our island landscapes through a facilitated series of small and large group conversations. Your knowledge and priorities will contribute to planning next steps in the ongoing collaboration to manage vegetative fuels to reduce wildfire and protect both our communities and natural resources.

This workshop will be valuable to those working in: land and natural resources management, fire and emergency response, planning and policy, **agricultural operations**, and utilities.

More information about the project here: <http://www.hawaiiwildfire.org/vegetative-fuels-management-mapping>



HYDROPONICS OPEN HOUSE

WAIMANALO RESEARCH STATION
41-698 Ahiki Street, Waimānalo, Hawaii
SATURDAY, February 9, 2019
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Pop into the Hydroponics Open House at the Waimānalo Research Station on Saturday, February 9, 2019 and talk with CTAHR Extension agents and researchers about:

- Above Ground, Soil-less Growing Systems
- Conventional Hydroponic: Nutrient Film Technology (NFT) & Aeroponic Systems
- Kratky Static Hydroponic System: Organic Solution Evaluation in partnership with W2
- Off Grid Powering of the NFT System
- Use of Screenhouse Systems for Pest Management
- Evaluation of Romaine and Leafy Green Lettuce Varieties
- Hydroponic Projects for School-based Programs
- CTAHR Extension Programs such as SOAP, GoFarm Hawaii, CRATE, etc.

For information or to request an auxiliary aid or service (e.g., sign language interpreter, designated parking, or materials in alternate format), contact Jari Sugano (suganoj@ctahr.hawaii.edu) at least seven days before the activity/event (February 2, 2019).

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Farm Service Agency Electronic News Service

BULLETIN

USDA Farm Service Agency Announces Program Deadline Extensions

Farm Programs

- Market Facilitation Program
 - Deadline to apply extended to Feb. 14, 2019
- Emergency Conservation Program
 - Performance reporting due Feb. 14, 2019

- Livestock Forage Disaster
 - 2018 application for payment due Feb. 28, 2019
- Emergency Assistance Livestock, Honey Bees, and Farm-raised Fish Program
 - Notice of loss due Feb. 14, 2019
- Livestock Indemnity Program
 - Notice of loss due Feb. 14, 2019
- Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program
 - Submitting 2019 application for coverage due Feb. 14, 2019
 - Notice of loss for 72-hour harvest and grazing (as applicable) due Feb. 14, 2019
 - Notice of loss for prevented planting and failed acres due Feb. 14, 2019
 - Applications for payment for 2018 covered losses due Feb. 14, 2019
- Tree Assistance Program
 - Notice of loss due Feb. 14, 2019
- Acreage Reporting
 - January reporting deadlines extended to Feb. 14, 2019.

Contact:

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Calendar of Events

February Dates to Remember

February 6, 2019: **Ag Day at the Capitol**

February 9, 2019: **Hydroponics open house** - Waimanalo. Details in article above.

Feb. 15, 2019 : **Difference Between The Produce Safety Rule & GAPs**

Certification. Register: <https://produce-safety-feb15.eventbrite.com>

February 21 from 9 - 12: **Vegetative Fuels Management. Collaborative Action Planning Workshop** with Hawaii Wildfire Management Organization. [Register](#)

Feb. 22, 2019: **Are You Covered By The Produce Safety**

Rule? Register: <https://produce-safety-feb22.eventbrite.com>

February 26, 2019 at 12:30pm: **West Oahu SWCD monthly meeting**

West Oahu SWCD's Next Meeting: February 26, 2019 at 12:30pm.

Location of meetings: Nutrien Conference Room (formerly Crop Production Services), 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 Directors: Mike Glidden and Kalani Fronda

About Us: The West Oahu Soil and Water Conservation District is committed to building partnerships that strengthen agriculture in Hawaii and contribute to a vibrant island community, environment, and

economy.

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