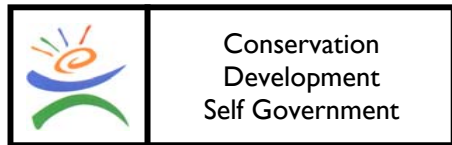


**HANA SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
Established August 22, 1953

**The mission of the  
Hana SWCD is to  
provide a healthy  
natural resources  
environment for the  
people by coordinating  
technical, financial,  
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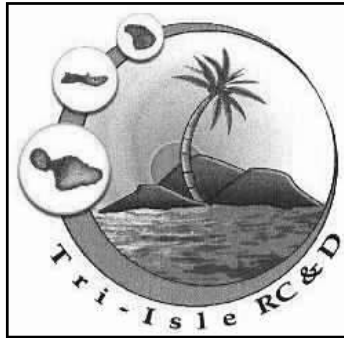


USDA-NRCS Exhibit  
Hana High School Career Day



Hana SWCD also receives a lot of assistance from Tri Isle Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D). They are the ones that are helping us financially to do this newsletter. By a small grant that will help pay for printing and mailing. Paulo Burns and his volunteer students will be helping us do future newsletters.

**Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Inc.** was created in 1970, through the leadership of Maui County's five Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and with assistance from the Soil Conservation Service. It is one of 385 RC&D areas throughout the country. Tri-Isle is a 501(c)3 non-profit which allows it to apply for and manage grants for its projects. The four RC&D emphasis areas are Land Conservation, Water Management, Land Management and Community Development. Tri-Isle currently has 65 projects, on Maui, totaling more than \$6.5M in value. The Board of Directors include representatives from each of the five SWCDs, five from Maui County departments, and the remaining seven members at-large from the community.



**Tri-Isle RC&D Project/Hana SWCD Proposed Project  
Rural Water Project-Nahiku**

Hana SWCD (Hana Soil & Water Conservation District) Board has been working to generate the creation of County-operated water system beginning at the Lower Nahiku Road and extending to the Hana airport area Along the Hana Highway. This project was initially inspired by the documentation of twenty cases of water-born illness in the upper Nahiku area from 1997-1999. This area has no potable source of drinking water other than roof catchment and pipe catchment from local steams. With the assistance of Maui County Council Vice-Chair Robert Carroll & RC&D, two subsequent surveys of affected residents have been done to further assess the needs of this water system. Although it has long been included in the Hana Community Plan, changes in the Department of Water Supply have prevented action on this proposal. Hana SWCD board members have been diligent with follow-up on this project particularly during this time of drought on Maui. Any community input or ideas on this subject are welcome.

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Hana SWCD is one of sixteen SWCDs in the State of Hawaii. The SWCDs are legally constituted, self governing units under the Hawaii Soil and Water Conservation Law, Chapter 180, Hawaii Revised Statutes. We were organized for the protection and conservation of soil and water resources in the interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of people in this region.

The SWCD board of directors consists of five voting directors, and associates. Members of the board are volunteers. Currently the Hana SWCD board members are JoLoyce Kaia, Annette Smith, Suzie Cuffe, and Scott Crawford. We are in need of a fifth district director, as well as associate directors.

## Our Partners



Hana SWCD exists under our State Department of Land and Natural Resources. The SWCDs receive an allotment from DLNR for operating expenses, which includes various things like travel, printing and binding, postage, and education programs.

United States Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service



In partnership with  
24 Soil & Water Conservation Districts

Through a Memorandum of Understanding between the Maui Soil & Water Conservation Districts and the United States Department of Agriculture, the Natural Resources Conservation Service has assigned staff to the Wailuku Field Office. The staff provides technical expertise in land use planning and erosion control to land users in the conservation districts and units of government. NRCS is a federal agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture that works with private landowners to help them protect their natural resources. Employees of NRCS work closely with Soil and Water Conservation Districts, other federal, state, and county agencies, private land owners, managers, and their lessees to conserve, sustain, and improve natural resources on private and other non-federal lands.

Much of the work provided by NRCS is conservation technical assistance to private land users. NRCS and Hana SWCD have no regulatory or enforcement responsibilities. They encourage those who manage private lands to practice a variety of measures designed to conserve or improve natural resources, such as soil, water, air, plants, and animals.

Hana SWCD has access to information to financially help farmers and people who have agriculture land. We want to pass this information out to those who may be able to use it.

Several Hana farmers have received grants to do things like eradication of invasive species, and many other projects that are cost shared (you pay a part of it and a part is paid for you). Here are some samples of projects that have been worked on with NRCS with what is called the Farm Bill Program.

### HANA RANCH PARTNERS, LLC:

FWS - Fish & Wildlife Service

Hana Ranch cleared open space buffer between the lower ranch lands and the mauka forest lands. The buffer is to provide some protection to the forest land from the spreading of invasive species especially the miconia seeds which is carried by the birds.

WRP - Wetlands Restoration Program - (Hana Forest Preservation)

Initiated a wetlands restoration project in partnership with NRCS (National Resources Conservation Service) and has worked with NRCS on the creation of a conservation easement on almost 200 acres of mauka forest land.

WHIP - Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program

To restore and maintain the anchialline ponds at Waikaloa point.

EQIP - Environmental Quality Incentive Program

Field 20 & 21 - Re-fence and up graded the pipe work and water troughs to accommodate 1,000 head per movement. To date there is a work schedule in process to sow grass seeds.

### Malama the Aina, Bulldozing Affects Our Land

**YOU NEED A PERMIT TO CLEAR LAND. The County Grading Ordinance requires that all construction projects control dust, erosion and silt to the maximum extent possible.** Please get a grading permit or sign-up as a cooperator with the Hana SWCD. As a cooperator, you will receive conservation planning assistance from NRCS. The conservation plan may make you eligible to clear a certain amount of your property without a grading permit from the County.