

PEA Committee

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To: PEA Committee
Cc: Bobbie Patnode; William and Anne Marie Jacintho
Subject: Re: For your review and comment by July 20, 2018 - One Farm Plan (PEA-37)
Attachments: Correspondence to Sydney Smith 07-05-2018[1].pdf

From: PEA Committee <PEA.Committee@mauicounty.us>
Date: Friday, July 6, 2018 11:44 AM
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Subject: For your review and comment by July 20, 2018 - One Farm Plan (PEA-37)

Aloha Yuki Lei,

Mahalo nui for working on this long-overdue project. I have asked my Maui Coffee Association members for comment. Most found issues with items in the form itself. It has included only one quantifier for crop measurement in the Diversified section. And, well, that section is very diverse, as you would expect. On the form they have three places to list your Ag produce by the pound. Flower and ti leaf growers sell by the stem. Poultry farmers sell by the egg. Apiary producers sell by hive and individual queen bees, honey is sold by volume. Nursery producers by the plant or pot size. Aquaculture by the fingerling or fish, but sometimes by the pound. Please rewrite the Diversified section of the form to allow for diversity.

Several growers have asked why the question is in there, "Is area of agriculture visible from road?" This makes us stress out over the "drive by" inspector. Farmers and Ranchers both have a fear of this. 1. There are no qualified inspectors. 2. Because of that, they don't understand that the reason there are no cows in the pasture is because the rancher may be resting that pasture, they may be drinking water on another portion of the field where the trough is located, not visible from the road, they may not realize what they're looking at is agriculture at all. If we have one farm plan and we can streamline this process, can we include at least one qualified inspector?

I've included a positive note from one of my growers below. Her name is Pauahi Lozano. She is native Hawaiian and a coffee grower. She has had problems in the past with the Farm Plan system we have now. She asked for an extension on her Ag Water rates for her coffee orchard and was denied. DWS allows for 5 years without monetary income, but this doesn't encourage orchard crops since hardly any would be ready for profitable harvest in that time. So most times the director or deputy director will give an extension. Paul Meyer of the Water Department told Pauahi that he would not give her an extension and that she should pull out her coffee trees and plant tomatoes. She came to me (in tears) and I ended up going to the mayor, well, you get the picture. Pauahi didn't have to pull out her coffee orchard and as you can see she is even ready for her first pruning.

Thank you!

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Subject: One Farm Plan

Wow Sydney! A document that is clear and concise. Fantastic. Doesn't affect me right now, but I know this is going to help a lot of people. Thank you for all your dedication and hard work. Finally a process that makes sense.

Trust you are well. I am still care taking for my parents and working part time for Rico. This care taking kuleana takes up most of my time these days. Grateful that they are here though.

We are getting ready to do a major pruning on the coffee trees as soon as we can fit it into our schedule.

Best wishes and continued success.

Aloha nui,
Pauahi