

PSLU Committee

From: Angela R. Lucero
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 9:24 AM
To: PSLU Committee
Cc: Wilton A. Leauanae
Subject: FW: Documents Needed: Extension for Booked Weddings
Attachments: Bookedeventlists.pdf

Aloha PSLU Committee Staff,

Please see the testimony below from Ms. Crystal Schmitt.

Thank you,
Angela

From: Crystal Schmitt <crystal@mauidragonfruit.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2021 3:43 PM
To: Angela R. Lucero <Angela.Lucero@maicounty.us>
Subject: Re: Documents Needed: Extension for Booked Weddings

Aloha Angela:

Attached please find the events that are on the books.
We would like to ask that we be permitted to finish them.
We have cancelled anything beyond August since we feel people will have time and resources to
find a new venue for those ones.

I do want to point out a few things:

1. The planning department and all other departments of the county including the building department have finished their investigation of our farm. We had no building permit violations at all and after both RVs were removed from the farm, we are now 100% compliant in all aspects. All county personnel told us that they would close the RFS.
2. We did not have any events at all in August, 2021. In September, we did not have 6 weddings either. Some of those were just group farm tours. Some were sunset farm tours with a meal afterwards and some were a group zipline and aquaball tour with a meal.
3. We did not have any events in November, 2021 either and also no events booked in March, 2022. We do not intent to book any more from now on.
4. Due to the pandemic, most of our wedding clients are going through very difficult times. They cancel, then rebook and then cancel and rebook due to constant rule changes. With ultimate compassion, we tried to work with them. We had no weddings in year 2020 and only started to host again this April. Our total event count will be under 24 for year 2021.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Mahalo!

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From: Angela R. Lucero
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Subject: Documents Needed: Extension for Booked Weddings
Importance: High

Aloha e Crystal,

I hope this email finds you well. CM Paltin has asked me to follow up with you regarding her email sent on Friday, 11/12.

CM Paltin is asking that you provide a calendar of your farm's booked weddings before Thursday, 11/18/21.

The calendar would be a great help as the committee discusses a possible extension.

Please let me know if you have any questions!
You can call me at 808-856-0123.

Thank you!
Angela

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List of Events Booked or Rescheduled at the Maui Dragon Fruit Farm				
			Number of	
Date	Time	Type	Attendees	Notes
November, 2021	No Event	No Event	0	No Event Booked
12/02/21	3:00pm to 8:00pm	Wedding Ceremony and Reception	40	
12/11/21	3:00pm to sunset	Wedding Ceremony	28	
01/09/22	12:00pm to 3:00pm	Wedding Ceremony	38	
01/22/22	3:30pm to 8:00pm	Wedding Ceremony and Reception	38	
01/25/22	3:30pm to sunset	Wedding Ceremony	40	rescheduled from year 2020 due to COVID
02/05/22	3:30pm to 8:00pm	Wedding Ceremony and Reception	40	
02/22/22	3:30pm to 8:00pm	Wedding Ceremony and Reception	42	
March	No Event	No Event	0	
04/22/22	2:30pm to sunset	Wedding Ceremony	17	
05/01/22	4:30pm to sunset	Wedding Ceremony	20	
06/25/12	2:00pm to 8:00pm	Wedding Ceremony and Reception	42	rescheduled from year 2020 due to COVID
07/11/22	5:00pm to sunset	Wedding Ceremony	25	