



**Southern Soil and Water Conservation District
Bi-Monthly Partner Meeting**

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 4:00 PM

University of Guam, College of Natural and Applied Sciences Building, Rm 104

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

- The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.
- District Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza conducted roll call, confirming a quorum.

Board of Directors:

- Chairperson: Michael Aguon - Excused
- Vice Chairperson: Glenn Takai - Present
- District Director: Glenn Dulla - Excused
- District Director: Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza - Present
- District Director: Martha Tenorio - Present

Staff Present:

- District Administrator: Erica Pangelinan - Present
- Program Support Specialist: Jon Tanuvasa - Excused
- Conservation Technician: Madeline Flores - Present
- Project Director: Geraldine Datuin - Present
- Conservation Associate: Daeline Pangelinan - Present
- Conservation Associate: Jonathan Borja - Present

Also Present:

- Inalahan Mayor: Anthony P. Chargualaf
- USDA USFS: Michael Jordan
- USDA NRCS: Jay Doronila
- UOG Technical Advisor: Mark Acosta
- USDA APHIS Wildlife Services: Chad Richardson
- USDA APHIS Wildlife Services: Jathan Meno
- Guam Coastal Management Program: Christian Benitez
- Northern Guam SWCD: Savannah Garcia

II. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda — District Director Martha Tenorio motioned to accept the agenda and presentation of USDA APHIS, which carried without objection.

III. Approval of Minutes — (1/30/25)

- Director Martha Tenorio motioned to approve the meeting minutes of January 30, 2025.
- Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza seconded the motion. Motion carried without objection.

IV. Southern District Report — District Administrator Erica Pangelinan presented the Southern District report, highlighting key initiatives, updates, and upcoming events for 2025.

A. 2025 Action Planning Summary Report

- Initiatives developed:
 - Strengthening integrational knowledge of conservation.
 - Revitalizing GISC to enhance effectiveness and action planning.
 - Safeguarding Our Lands for Future Generations
 - Guam Soil Health Index
 - Ridge to Reef Pilot Piti-Asan Clean Waters

B. NACD 2025 Annual meeting

- Submission of two resolutions passed.
- Southern SWCD Vice-Chairperson Glenn Takai: Successfully graduated from a leadership program.

C. District Update & Priorities

- Active District Membership: 30 active members
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building
- SWCD REPI Program
- Southern District Feral Swine Management Program
- Guam Educators Summit (April 07, 2025 - April 11, 2025)
 - Southern SWCD Lead Coordinator Jonathan Borja
- Stewardship Week (April 27 - May 3, 2025)
 - Southern SWCD Lead Coordinator Daeline Pangelinan

D. Upcoming Events

- Stewardship Week Proclamation: Scheduled for April 04, 2025, at 9:00 AM.
- Stewardship Week Activities: (April 27, 2025 - May 04, 2025)
- NACD Spring Fly-In (March 26, 2025): Grass Roots Advocacy
- SWCD Election: Scheduled for August 19, 2025

Motion:

- District Director Martha Tenorio made a motion to accept the Southern District Report.
- District Director Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza seconded the motion.

V. Partner Reports

A. USDA APHIS WS, District Supervisor, Chad Richardson — presented on USDA Feral Swine Management in Guam, focusing on outreach efforts. He discussed employee loss due to budget appointments and funding cuts but emphasized that overall funding remains stable, with 98% cooperative and 2% federal. Update on the Wildlife Services field staff:

- Jerome Larimer: GNWR/Administration
- Joe Rabon: Northern District
- Jathan Meno: Southern District (SG-SWCD Point of Contact)

He also highlighted the key feral swine diseases present on Guam, including Leptospirosis, Pseudorabies, Swine Brucellosis, and Japanese Encephalitis.

B. Mayor of Inalahan, Anthony P. Chargualaf — Shared in celebration of St. Joseph Church, the Annual Inalahan Fiesta will be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Mayor Chargualaf invites all community members to join in this vibrant celebration of tradition and unity.

C. USDA, USFS, Michael Jordan — Reported on the ongoing Joint Chiefs Project, noting the need for additional funding opportunities. He mentioned that probationary employees, along with a few others, are taking early retirements, and a hiring freeze notice has been issued. Additionally, he is reaching out to Hawaii for assistance.

D. Guam Coastal Management Program, Christian Benitez — Reported on the progress with the Guam Forest System Plan, including work on drafting rules and regulations to be completed by March 28th, 2025.

E. USDA, NRCS, Jay Doronila — Expressed his appreciation to the Northern and Southern SWC Districts for their dedicated outreach to the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD). He reported that these efforts have been impactful and crucial in strengthening the partnership between local conservation districts and NACD. In terms of program updates, for EQIP, 19 applications have been selected, with 5 prioritized for Joint Chiefs. For CSP, 11 applications have been submitted.

Key Dates:

- March 14, 2025: The second round of rankings for EQIP/CSP.
- April 18, 2025: Contract reviews will be sent.
- May 9, 2025: NRCS will send out contract reviews for all existing contracts.
- June 20, 2025: CSP renewal letters will be disbursed, with assistance available for reapplication.

F. UOG Cooperative Extension Outreach, Technical Advisor, Mark Acosta — Reported UOG Cooperative Extension & Outreach is working on establishing a small nursery at the Inalahan Mayor's Office. The Western Sustainable Agriculture Education program is currently on pause. Planned initiatives include a composting workshop and a local egg production project with the distribution of baby chicks. Dr. Joe Tuquero will coordinate chicken-raising workshops in collaboration with the University of Guam.

G. Northern SWCD, Savannah Garcia — reported the Northern Guam SWCD is hosting a Feral Swine Workshop on March 21, 2025, in partnership with USDA and DOAG. Additionally, an FSA & NRCS Programs and Outreach event is scheduled for May 3, 2025, followed by a Soil Health Workshop in June (date TBD).

VI. Next Meeting

- The FY2025 Bi-Monthly Partner Meeting session is scheduled for 05/14/2025.

VII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 PM.

VIII. Minutes Prepared By:



Daeline Pangelinan, Conservation Associate

Approved By:



Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza
Secretary

05/21/2025

Date



Michael E.D. Aguon
Chairperson

05/21/2025

Date