



VI. Next Meeting	<p>The next SGSWCD Regular Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17th at 4pm.</p> <p>The next SGSWCD Board Meeting with Partners will be on Wednesday, March 13th, at 4 pm.</p>
VIII. Adjournment	<p>GT/MT made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39pm. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>

Minutes Prepared By: Rita Barcinas

Minutes Approved By:

	2/28/24		2/28/24
Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza SGSWCD Secretary	Date	Michael Aguon SGSWCD Chairperson	Date

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are planning a Guam Forest System Summit from Feb 22-23rd. They will share more information when they have it.
D. USDA WS	<p>Presented by: Chad Richardson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chad Richardson introduced himself. He is new to the island, and moved here to work on the brown tree snake program. • Charlene Hopkins is still working under APHIS, but she is on a month-long work detail elsewhere so Chad Richardson is filling in. • They took 19 pigs in October, and haven't done much in November and December due to the ongoing negotiations. • He expressed support for the community training program and willingness to assist. He has a lot of experience with training programs like this from his work in Kansas.
E. DoAg ADS	<p>Presented by: Jathan Muna Barnes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Microgrant for Food Security allows farmers to apply for up to \$5,000. Many farmers are applying that to feral swine control. • Only individuals can apply for that grant. • They received 49 applications for the 3rd round of the grant. • They expect to launch a 4th round of the microgrant applications in March. • From FY20-FY23 they have subawarded \$620,148.85 through UOG to subaward out to farmers and ranchers. • They will have \$200,000 left for the next round. • They have been receiving visits for their nursery, which has been closed since the typhoon. They have a tentative reopen date set for mid February.
F. DoAg FSRD	<p>Presented by: Rudy Estoy Jr.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminder: we are having the Joint Chief's Landscape Restoration Partnership Outreach in Inalahan on January 16th. • The US Forest Service is here on island conducting training for the forest inventory analysis. • The liaison between the forest service and the landowners is Teddy Conception. He may be reaching out to coordinate access to private lands.
G. DoAg DAWR	<p>Presented by: Diane Vice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAWR mentioned that they are continuing to issue permits, do hunter safety courses, and brown tree snake work.
VI. Public Comment - No public comments.	
VII. Announcements - No announcements.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We did a Soil Health workshop that prompted some southern teachers to reach out to the SGSWCD recently for help restarting their school gardens. GT/EP held a training session and were able to gather supplies to help them restart their garden. - The SGSWCD is hoping to take this model and eventually extend it to other schools throughout the Southern District. <p>D. DoAg Farmer Stress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SGSWCD was able to host their first event under this grant. It was a 2-day Quickbooks training to help address the financial stress farmers report. - DoAg ADS reported that due to GovGuam procurement issues, DoAg requested to have the remaining NIFA Grant sub awarded to UOG. They are in the process of transitioning it over to RCUOG. <p>E. NACD REPI - Guahan Sentinel Landscape Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is an initiative we received funding for to help strengthen the partnerships between DOD landowners and local government agencies. - There is a big meeting happening on February 7th and 8th. More information on that will be coming out soon. - EP is working with Partick Keeler to coordinate. - They are in the process of hiring the employees under this grant to help move things along. - They are also working with the UOG Drone Corps and Dr. King. They will be assisting the districts in developing a GIS layer of all our registered farmers and landowners.
V. Partner Reports	
A. UOG Cooperative Extension	<p>Presented by: Phoebe Wall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No upcoming events to report on.
B. DoAg Biosecurity	<p>Presented by: Gregorio Borja</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● They are looking to restart the GISC meetings and asked for the district's availability. They are aiming to hold the first meeting in early February. ● The meetings will be quarterly.
C. BSP GCMP	<p>Presented By: Christian Benitez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christian Benitez introduced himself as a planner with the BSP Guam Coastal Management Program. Part of his job is to network with the districts and other relevant groups. ● They are continuing to work on the Guam Forrest System Plan.

A. Feral Swine Programs

USDA APHIS

- We have an agreement in place for FY24.
- The goal of this program is to remove feral swine which impact the economy, ecosystem, and human health and safety on private lands in the Southern District.

SGSWCD Feasibility Program

- The district came up with a plan to help build capacity to handle feral swine. They are currently training with White Buffalo to use trapping systems.
- The goal is to train and involve the community and hopefully launch a full pilot program.

EP asked what the partners are doing with feral swine.

- DoAg ADS refers to USDA APHIS
- DoAg Biosecurity has no current feral swine work.
- DoAg DAWR refers people to USDA APHIS. They also issue depredation permits. They have been looking into matching up new hunters with landowners that have revocable permits.

NACD Perimeter Fencing Grant

- SGSWCD submitted a grant to service 188 Southern District Farmers. It will be a 90/10 match. It is aimed to help restrict feral swine access. The district should be hearing back soon.

B. NACD TA Grant

- SGSWCD has a technical assistance grant to provide technical support to USDA NRCS Guam Service center. The SGSWCD put in a request for continued funding for the next year.
- Through this we are looking to host 4 outreach events this year.
- Joint Chief's Landscape Restoration Partnership Outreach is happening on January 16th at 4pm at the Inalahan Mayor's Office.
 - The goal is to introduce the program to the community and to recruit participants. They are looking for access to public lands through private lands, as well as to recruit private landowners to implement firewise practices on their land through NRCS's EQIP program.
 - They are looking for community input.
 - The other divisions of DoAg are also invited to put up outreach tables.

C. GACD TA Grant

- This grant is coming to a close for the SGSWCD.



Board Meeting w/ Partners
Wednesday, January 10, 2024
University of Guam CNAS Rm. 104

Youtube Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/live/wNIIWcVehWw?si=Z1r98hCkCg-Jmjw>

I. Call Meeting to Order	Meeting Called to order at 4:09 pm by MA.
Roll Call	<p>SGSWCD Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Michael Aguon (MA) <i>Chairman</i> - PRESENT ● Glenn Takai (GT) <i>Vice Chairperson</i> - PRESENT ● Glenn Dulla (GD) <i>District Director</i>- PRESENT ● Yvonne Manglona-Juaneza (YMJ) <i>District Director</i> - PRESENT ● Martha Tenorio (MT) <i>District Director</i> - PRESENT <p>SGSWCD Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Erica Pangelinan (EP) <i>District Administrator</i> - PRESENT ● Rita Barcinas (RB) <i>Program Support Specialist</i> - PRESENT <p>Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Phoebe Wall - UOG CE&O ● Gregorio Borja - DoAg Biosecurity ● Christian Benitez - BSP GCMP ● Chad Richardson - USDA WS ● Jathan Muna Barnes - DoAg ADS ● Ruddy Estoy - DoAg Forestry ● Diane Vice - DoAg DAWR ● Jay Doronila - USDA NRCS (Absent - Report submitted via email. See Attachments)
II. Acceptance of Meeting Agenda	<p>GT made a motion to accept the meeting agenda as presented. GD asked to amend the agenda and add an executive session to the end of the meeting agenda. GT/MT moved to accept the meeting agenda as published. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>
III. Approval of Meeting Minutes	<p>MT/GT moved to accept the 11/15/23 meeting minutes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.</p>
IV. Southern District Report	
A. Active Programs	Report by: Erica Pangelinan