



# O'AHU RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

**Cultivating Abundance  
2014-2015 Biennial Report**

## *Promoting Wise Stewardship of Our Island Resources*

### What does O'ahu RC&D do?

As a small non-profit organization, O'ahu RC&D strives to support our local farmers and ranchers. This support comes in the form of technical information and conservation planning, with the end-goal of improving stewardship of our soil and water resources, which improves quality of life for all people of Hawai'i.

Join us as we reflect on 2014-15 accomplishments and results of our efforts to "Cultivate Abundance."



**Oahu RC&D supports the local food & sustainability movement at its very foundation—our farmers and ranchers.**

## Letter from the President

O'ahu RC&D is honored to serve one of Hawai'i's most humble populations – our farmers and ranchers who work tirelessly to produce food for Hawai'i residents and visitors alike. Although this population is a small percent of the State's total (just 7000 people, or 0.5% of the estimated 1.4 million people), the fruits of their labor annually contribute \$2.9 billion to Hawai'i's economy - making agriculture one of the State's top three industries. This small population also stewards 1.1 million acres, which equates to approximately 27% of the total land mass. Management decisions and actions taken by farmers and ranchers ripple throughout our environment, hugely impacting the quality of Hawai'i's land and water resources, the quantity of fresh fruits and vegetables, and the health of individuals and communities.

It is critical to support individuals engaged in the local food and sustainability movement at its very foundation. That is why O'ahu RC&D works one-on-one with farms to evaluate potential threats to natural resources and identify appropriate solutions that not only improve management of the soil and water, but also contribute to long-term productivity and profitability.

We are proud to share recent accomplishments and results with you and look forward to continued success in 2016.

David Morgan  
Board President



## **ASSIST: PLANNING & MONITORING**

Developed **conservation plans** for thirteen farms improving stewardship on **2,750 acres**.

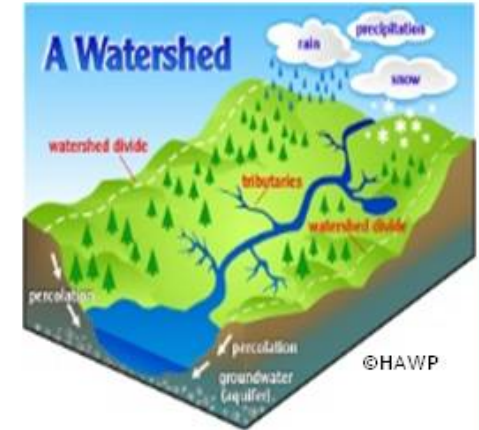


Provided third party audits of conservation practices on three farms (**3,562 acres**) and established agreements to begin audits for two additional sites.

**Assist**

## **RESTORE: WATERSHED RESTORATION**

Launched a project offering over **\$90,000** in cost-share grants to farms in Waiahole Watersheds.



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**Distributed \$58,500** in cost-share grants to farms in the Waimanalo Watershed. Grants were awarded to nine farms, impacting **34 acres**.

Conservation practices installed prevented 155 tons of sediment from entering local waterways - *approximately 15 large dump trucks full of soil!*



## **GROW: COVER CROPS**



Sold over **10,000 lbs.** of 'Tropic Sun' Sunn Hemp seed...enough to cover over 250 acres!

**Grow**

**O'ahu  
RC&D**

**Restore**

**Engage**

**ENGAGE**: Engaged more than **2500** people through workshops and presentations on conservation planning and soil health. Workshops were conducted across O'ahu, and at various events like the Farm Fair and Hawaii Conservation Conference.



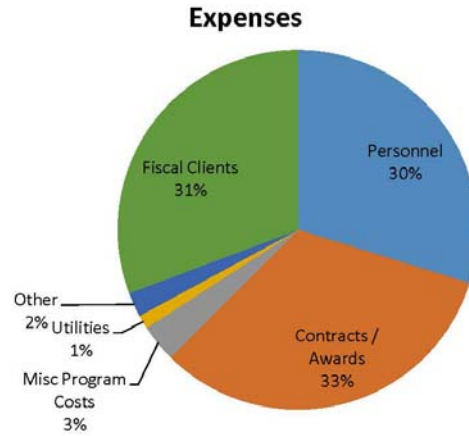
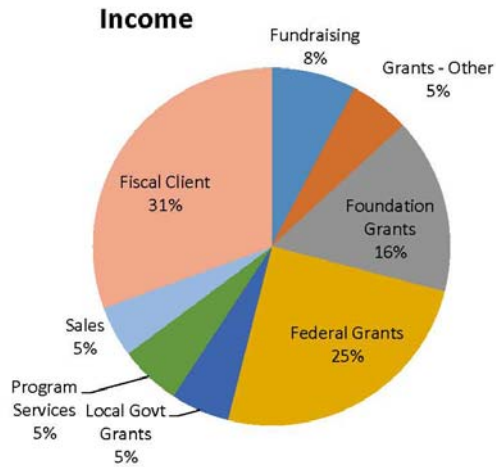
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## 2015 Financial Recap

\*unaudited statements

Oahu RC&D generates revenue through a steady number of grant awards, collecting program service fees, conducting donor campaigns and fundraising. Total income = \$375,539.

More than 92% of Oahu RC&D's expenses directly support programs. Total expenses = \$346,773.



## 2014—2015 Grant & Project Partners

Ala Wai Watershed Association | Atherton Family Foundation | City and County of Honolulu—Office of Economic Development | Hawaii Community Foundation (Rev. Takie Okumura Family Fund, Susan M. Kosasa Fund, Koaniani Fund, Marisla Fund, Ulupono Fund) | Hawaii Department of Agriculture | Hawaii Department of Health | Hawaii Invasive Species Council | Oahu Soil and Water Conservation Districts (South, Windward, West) | Pioneer Hi-Bred International | South Oahu County Farmers Assoc. | USDA—Natural Resources Conservation Service | Waimanalo Agricultural Association | Individual Farmers and Ranchers across Hawaii

### Mahalo to our 2014 Supporters!

**Sustainer** (\$2500+): Aloha Marine Lines | BEI Hawaii | Marilyn Katzman | Matson Foundation

**Protector** (\$1500): DR Horton-Schuler Homes LLC | First Hawaiian Bank | Hawaiian Earth Products | Island Palm Communities | Frederick Kubota | Syngenta

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**Steward:** Dole Food Company | Foodland - Western Union | Alan Gottlieb | JC Farms of Hawaii, LLC | John and Laura McHugh | Alenka Remec | Laura Thielen | Tin Roof Ranch

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**2014-15 Board of Directors**

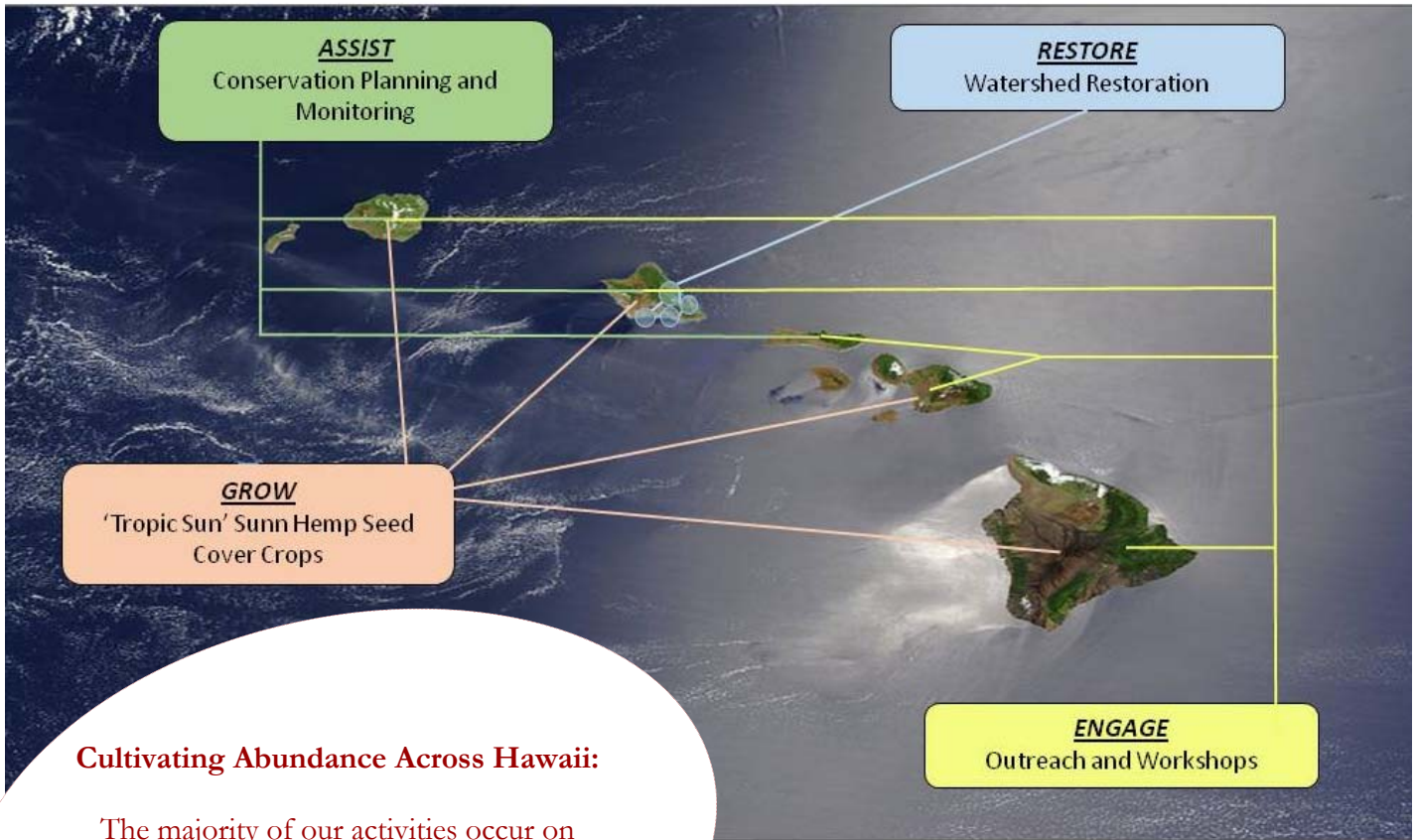
David Morgan (President); Fred Kubota (Vice President); Cindy Goldstein (Secretary); Stevie Whalen (Treasurer); Alan Gottlieb, Fred Lau

**Cultivating Abundance—**

Cultivate (**kuhl**-tuh-veyt) verb.

- to prepare and work land in order to raise crops; to till.
- to develop or improve by education or training.
- to promote the growth or development of an art or science; to foster.

O'ahu RC&D strives to build bridges between the fields of conservation and agriculture. Our programs "Cultivate Abundance" on individual farms, among partner organizations, and in communities across the state.



**Cultivating Abundance Across Hawaii:**

The majority of our activities occur on O'ahu, however our work extends statewide through partnerships on neighbor islands and the dissemination of information and tools that benefit all of Hawai'i.

**Learn more about our programs!**

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