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# TODAY’S AGENDA

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| 1:45 p.m.– 2:00 p.m | Registration and Agricultural Tradeshow  
(USDA FSA, HDOA Marketing and Pesticide Branches, Hawaii Farm Bureau, CTAHR Aquaponics, CTAHR Office of Communication Services) |
| 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m | A Hawaiian welcome by Kumu Kalani and Waimānalo students, Jari Sugano / Ted Radovich- Sustainable and Organic Agriculture Program (SOAP) / Local and Immigrant Farmer Education (LIFE) event organizers, and Dean Maria Gallo  
History of the Taro (Kalo) Collection at Waimānalo and Kalo ID 101  
Jari Sugano, Alton Arakaki (CTAHR County Extension Agent-Oahu and Molokai), and Jerry Konanui, Kalo mahi’ai (farmer) and statewide taro expert |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m | Introduction of the Taro Task and Purity Force  
Dr. Carl Evensen (CTAHR Interim Associate Dean of Extension) |
| 2:40 p.m. – 2:50 p.m | Taro Bio Security: Phytosanitation and Apple Snails Infestation Prevention  
Penny Levin of E kūpaku ka ʻāina |
| 2:50 p.m. -3:00 p.m | Overview of Conventional Breeding in Taro  
Dr. Susan Miyasaka (CTAHR Agronomist) |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m | Composting Invasive Seaweed  
Fred Reppun (Hui Ulu Mea ʻAi in partnership with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources and The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii) |
| 3:10 p.m. 3:40 p.m | TRADESHOW BREAK  
Observe different taro varieties in the collection, watch Kui Kalo (taro pounding) demonstration by Oahu kalo mahi’ai, Anthony Deluze and Hui Mālama O Ke Kai - community members, visits with agricultural agencies (USDA FSA, HDOA Marketing and Pesticide Branches, Hawaii Farm Bureau, & CTAHR), then transition over to the organic taro plots |
| 3:40 p.m.-3:50 p.m | Sustainable Dry-land Taro Production Strategies  
Glenn Teves (CTAHR County Extension Agent-Molokai & Taro Task Force Member) |
| 3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m | Management of Organic Taro Collection at Waimānalo  
Dr. Ted Radovich (CTAHR Associate Professor of Sustainable and Organic Agriculture) |