

State of Hawaii  
Department of Agriculture  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**AGENDA**

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PLANTS AND ANIMALS MEETING	Monday March 11, 2024 9:30 A.M.
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**Place:** In person access - Department of Agriculture Plant Quarantine Branch  
Conference Room  
1849 Auiki Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-3100

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION
- III. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2023 & NOVEMBER 17, 2023 MEETING MINUTES
- IV. REQUEST(S) FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION BY COMMITTEE

*Note: Public testimony will be accepted on each agenda item.*

- 1. Request for: (1) A Finding that the Unrestricted Intra-Island Movement of Agricultural Commodities, Including But Not Limited to Live Plants, Propagative Plant Parts, Cut Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, Green Waste, and Plant Propagation Media Within the Island of Oahu, Constitutes an Emergency Justifying Issuance of an Interim Rule to Prevent the Spread of the Little Fire Ant, *Wasmannia auropunctata*; and  
  
(2) A Finding that the Issuance of an Interim Rule to Restrict the Intra-Island Movement of Agricultural Commodities, Including But Not Limited to Live Plants, Propagative Plant Parts, Cut Flowers, Fruits, Vegetables, Green Waste, and Plant Propagation Media on the Island of Oahu, is Required to Prevent the Spread of the Little Fire Ant, *Wasmannia auropunctata* to Un-infested Areas Within the Island of Oahu.

- V. ADJOURNMENT

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