

State of Hawaii  
Department of Agriculture  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**AGENDA**

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON  
PLANTS AND ANIMALS  
MEETING

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Friday  
July 7, 2023  
9:30 A.M.

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**Place:** In person access with an Audio-Visual connection - Department of Agriculture  
Plant Quarantine Branch Conference Room  
1849 Auiki Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96819-3100  
**and**  
Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar (use link below)  
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Office at 1849 Auiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96819; or via fax to the PQB Manager at (808) 832-  
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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. INTRODUCTION
- III. APPROVAL OF THE May 12, 2023, MEETING MINUTES
- IV. REQUEST(S) TO BE REVIEWED BY COMMITTEE

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

*Request to: (1) Allow the Importation of One (1) Desert Tortoise, *Gopherus (Xerobates) agassizi*, (*Gopherus agassizii*) an Animal on the List of Restricted Animals (Part B), by Permit, for Private Research, Exhibition and Filming, by the AWAKE Community – Shambhala Gardens; and (2) Establish Permit Conditions*

for the Importation of One (1) Desert Tortoise, *Gopherus (Xerobates) agassizi*, (*Gopherus agassizii*) an Animal on the List of Restricted Animals (Part B), by Permit, for Private Research, Exhibition and Filming, by the AWAKE Community - Shambhala Gardens

V. ADJOURNMENT

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