



# Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS-REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, November 7, 2018

**Time:** 5:05 pm – 7:29 pm

**Location:** Yolo County RCD 221 West Court St. Ste.1, Woodland, CA

**Directors Present:** Giovanni Ferrendelli (President), Mark Cady (Secretary), Michael Leacox (Vice President)

**Directors Absent:** Mike Turkovich, Miranda Driver

**Associate Directors Present:** Anya Perron-Burdick

**Others Present:** Heather Nichols, Fanny Ye, Phil Hogan, Alex Tremblay

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Introductions - Giovanni Ferrendelli, President:** Introductions
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the agenda as presented; MOTION: Ferrendelli, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Leacox). ACTION: Approve the minutes for the October 10, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented; MOTION: Ferrendelli, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Leacox).
3. \*\*\*\***Public Comment:** None.
4. \*\***Approval and Payment of Claims:** ACTION: Approved all claims except Honda. MOTION: Ferrendelli SECOND: Leacox. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Leacox).
5. **Regular Reports:**
  - a. NRCS Update: Phil Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist has updated the highly erodible land (HEL) inventory and map for Yolo County. He reported that there are only 13 CRP contracts left, and that cannabis operations will likely be tracked in the future. The Farm Bill will have changes as the House of Representatives will change in the midterm election. Fanny Ye reviewed EQIP, presented a new evaluation tool, and she is also working on old applications. Fanny is training new Farm Bill assistant Cindy. Ha Truong was promoted to ag engineer for the State Office in Davis. He is no longer serving the Woodland Field Office Area.
  - b. Executive Director's Report: Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Nichols reported that SDRMA did a risk assessment and we are preparing some safety and safety training documents that will be presented for approval at the December board meeting. Yolo County RCD hosted the Sacramento Valley Region of RCDs Fall Meeting. The RCDs are actively discussing an MOU for regional partnership activities. The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Community Fund awarded the Yolo Creek and Community Partnership \$519,000 to complete three years of on-farm conservation practice implementation in coordination with youth and members of the local community. CDFA has provided the RCD a \$22,000 grant to provide technical assistance and workshop training to landowners interested in applying for their Healthy Soils Incentive and SWEEP Programs. RCD staff are working with the County Office of Emergency Services and local fire departments to identify wildfire prevention needs and seek grant funding for new programs. We will be partnering with Solano RCD for the Holiday Tractor Parade in Downtown Winters December 1<sup>st</sup>. Nichols reviewed upcoming SLEWS field days.

- i. Financial Report: Nichols reviewed the financial dashboard; nothing exciting to report, just moving along.
  - c. Quarterly Capacity Building Report follow-up: the Board requests that Annual Reports are produced annually even if books are not finalized. Nichols commits to submit reports and plans annually. The Annual Work Plans for the last two years will be on the agenda for approval at the December meeting.
  - d. Board Member Reports and Comments: None
- 6. New Business:**
- \*\*Approve Budget for Yolo Creek and Community Partnership (PT05) for \$57,216.40; Budget for Invasive Species Control: Wildhorse Agricultural Buffer, Putah Creek Parkway, North Davis Channel (CD04) for \$7,864.00; Budget for Lomita Farm Hedgerow (PL04) for \$14,834.01: ACTION: Approve Budget for Yolo Creek and Community Partnership (PT05) for \$57,216.40; Budget for Invasive Species Control: Wildhorse Agricultural Buffer, Putah Creek Parkway, North Davis Channel (CD04) for \$7,864.00; Budget for Lomita Farm Hedgerow (PL04) for \$14,834.01; MOTION: Leacox SECOND: Cady AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Leacox).
  - a. \*\*Approve use of Restricted Cash Account for Vehicle Replacement-ATV for the amount of \$3,053.09: ACTION: Approve use of Restricted Cash Account for Vehicle Replacement-ATV for the amount of \$3,053.09; MOTION: Cady SECOND: Ferrendelli AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Leacox).
  - b. \*\* Recommend Anya Perron-Burdick to the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board as a Director for 2018-2022 term: ACTION: Recommend Anya Perron-Burdick to the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board as a Director for 2018-2022 term; MOTION: Leacox SECOND: Cady AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Leacox).
  - c. \*\*Approve \$300 contribution to CARCD for Conservation Strategies Group: ACTION: Approve \$300 contribution to CARCD for Conservation Strategies Group MOTION: Leacox. SECOND: Cady AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Leacox).
  - d. Outgoing Board President Gio Ferrendelli farewell remarks and welcoming new Board President Mark Cady: Gio spoke to the remaining members of the board about retaining the core principals of the RCD to serve the farmers and ranchers of Yolo County in addition to the many other conservation projects that have been developed over the years he has served. He then presented a RCD gavel to Mary Cady. Nichols presented Gio with a certificate of recognition and a card from the RCD and NRCS staff members.
  - e. Incoming Board President Mark Cady introductory remarks: Mary thanked Gio and discussed his intention to carry on the effective work the board has been doing under Gio's leadership.
- 7. Discussion:** CARCD Board Restructure Proposal and Discussion: the Board has no objection to the proposal for CARCD to restructure their board membership.
- 8. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 5:05pm at the Yolo County RCD Office. Adjournment at Blue Note Brewery after meeting.
- 9. Adjourn: 7:29pm gavel struck**

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:** Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on December 19, 2018 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

RCD Board Secretary