



# Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Time: 5:08 pm – 7:14 pm

Location: Yolo County RCD Office, 221 West Court Street, Suite 1, Woodland, CA

Directors Present: Giovanni Ferrendelli (President), Michael Leacox (Vice President), Mark Cady (Secretary), and Mike Turkovich

Directors Absent: Robin Schlosser

Associate Directors Present: Dwight Holford

Associate Directors Absent: Dave Gilmer, Ali Pahlavanian, Benjamin Leacox, Rudy Lucero, and Suellen Witham

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Phil Hogan and Sheila Pratt

1. **Call Meeting to Order - Giovanni Ferrendelli, President:** The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm by President Ferrendelli.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the agenda; MOTION: Leacox, SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Turkovich, Cady). ACTION: Approve the December 14, 2016 minutes; MOTION: Leacox, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Turkovich, Cady).
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval and Payment of Claims:** ACTION: Approval of claims; MOTION: Leacox, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Turkovich, Cady).
5. **Regular Reports:**
  - a. **NRCS Update:** Phil Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist. Reported the applied practices for 2016, announced the passing of John Weatherford, former NRCS Soil Conservationist. Hogan noted that president-elect Donald Trump has not yet selected his USDA Secretary of Agriculture.
  - b. **Executive Director's Report:** Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Davis Enterprise printed a photo of RCD Field Technician Brandon Baker at one of the Yolo Creek and Community Partnership projects. Field work is in high gear with numerous planned work days, SLEWS days, and PCC events. Tony Blanco was hired as a Project Intern for part-time field technician assistance. We will need to address several requirements toward qualifying for the California Department of Conservation RCD accreditation program. We halted the development of a full proposal to the Delta Conservancy for a number of reasons. Contracting continues to be delayed on two grant awards. Nichols met with the Yolo County Farm Bureau, NRCS staff and an agricultural engineer to discuss Sediment Erosion Control Plan (SECP) self-certification workshops. CA Department of Fish and Wildlife planning proposal for the Willow Slough Bypass was denied. We have started work on vegetation management oversight for Grasslands Regional Park under our MOU with County of Yolo.
    - i. **Financial Report:** Nichols provided a report summarizing the outcome of capacity building goals for the FY2015/16 and FY2016/17.
  - c. **Board Member Reports and Comments:** Ferrendelli suggested developing a highly visible conservation project in Woodland.
6. **New Business:**
  - a. **Director and Associate Director Renewal of Commitment 2017:** All Directors present at the meeting signed their commitment forms.
  - b. **\*\*Approve Job Classification and Compensation Policies:** ACTION: Approval of Job Classification and Compensation Policies with changes to reflect minimum wage increase, position seniority between Field Technician positions and a minor grammatical error; MOTION: Leacox, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Turkovich, Cady). Brandon Baker's promotion from Field Technician I to Field Technician II will be effective 1/11/17.
  - c. **\*\*Approve Associate Director Policy:** The Board directed Nichols to make the following changes: date of approval to February 8, 2017, language to limit Associate Directors to a total of 6, strike the last sentence in Section III under Selection. Nichols will bring the revised policy for approval at the next meeting.
  - d. **\*\*Approve Public Records Request Policy:** The Board agreed with the policy language and directed Nichols to have it legally reviewed by private counsel.



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7. **Confirm Next Regular Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 5:05 pm at the Yolo County RCD Office.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Mark Cady, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on February 8, 2017 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:

  
Board Secretary, Mark Cady