



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Time: 5:20 pm - 7:18 pm

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

Directors Present: Giovanni Ferrendelli (President), Mark Cady (by phone), Garth Williams, and Suellen Witham (5:40)

Directors Absent: Michael Leacox

Associate Directors Present:

Associate Directors Absent: Dave Gilmer, Jim Mayer, Ali Pahlavanian, Rudy Lucero Trent Stanger and Benjamin Leacox

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Phil Hogan and Sheila Pratt


1. **Call Meeting to Order - Giovanni Ferrendelli, President:** The meeting was called to order at 5:20 pm by President Ferrendelli.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the minutes for the September 9, 2015 Regular Meeting as presented; MOTION: Witham, SECOND: Williams. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Williams, Witham).
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Special Reports and Presentations:** postponed until next meeting
5. **Approval and Payment of Claims:** ACTION: Approval of claims; MOTION: Williams, SECOND: Witham. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Williams, Witham).
6. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. **NRCS Update:** Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist. Phil is working on the Highly Erodible Lands review of compliance plans. He helped the RCD produce a map for the Delta Conservancy proposal. In the new fiscal year, he will be writing performance plans for employees. NRCS has been doing wildfire damage reports that evaluate the potential erosion risks. He created wildfire maps of the Cache Creek Watershed, where most of the damage was on BLM lands. Phil also participated in the FFA competition at Woodland Community College.
 - b. **Executive Director's Report and Upcoming Events:** Nichols, Executive Director. Heather, with CLBL and Putah Creek Council staff, gave a presentation to the Yocha Dehe Community Fund's Council and requested funding for another three years. The RCD successfully submitted a concept proposal to the Delta Conservancy. If funded, it will develop a new partnership with the Yolo Basin Foundation to do restoration work on the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. Jeanette is working on an irrigation workshop with UCCE. She is also working with the Yolo Habitat Conservancy to determine landowner interest for a habitat easement in the Dunnigan Hills. The Wragg Fire damaged several of the Putah Creek Fishing Access sites, and we were asked by Public Works to provide a cost estimate for replacement of irrigation lines. Heather proposed cancelling the November meeting due to the CARCD Annual Conference and to reconvene in December.
 - c. **Board Member Reports and Comments:** Ferrendelli mentioned the USDA GAP certification and asked if this is something that the RCD can do. Nichols will look into this.
7. **New Business:**

The Mission of the Yolo County Resource Conservation District is to Protect, Improve, and Sustain the Natural Resources of Yolo County.

- a. **** Approve Employee Handbook:** MOTION: Williams, SECOND: Witham. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Williams, Witham). Meals and rest period-duplicate sentence page 17.
 - b. ****Approve PW02 budget:** MOTION: Witham SECOND: Williams. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Williams, Witham)
 - c. ****Request for Comments:** Draft EIR for the Nishi Gateway Project. This is adjacent to the Putah Creek Parkway project. Nichols wrote a comment letter highlighting the project and requested that the project not be negatively impacted.
 - d. **CARCD Board Member Opportunity:** CARCD is looking for a Secretary/Treasurer. This board meets quarterly and is a good opportunity to participate on statewide conservation issues.
- 8. Continuing Topics:**
- a. **Director Recruitment Update:** Board members discussed potential candidates for Directors. Ferrendelli suggested that we post an announcement on our website, email and Facebook page as well as with the County.
- 9. Discussion (30 Min):**
- a. **Tier 1 Requirement compliance:** Nichols needs to complete ethics training, after which, the RCD should meet Tier 1 compliance requirements.
 - b. **Board Input for Upcoming Topics:** Assessment for Tier 2 compliance.
- 10. Confirm Next Regular Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 5:05 pm at location TBA. Nichols proposed having the holiday party at the Black Dragon Brewery. Williams' offered his home again if that is preferred. Pratt will send out an email to board members for further input and suggestions.
- 11. Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm by President Ferrendelli.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Garth Williams, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on December 9, 2015 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:


Board Secretary, Garth Williams