



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Time: 5:05 pm – 6:34 pm

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

Directors Present: Giovanni Ferrendelli (President), Garth Williams, (Vice President), Mark Cady

Directors Absent: Michael Leacox, Robin Schlosser

Associate Directors Present: Suellen Witham, Mike Turkovich

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

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Sheila Pratt, Phil Hogan, and Dwight Holford

1. **Call Meeting to Order - Giovanni Ferrendelli, President:** The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by President Ferrendelli.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** Executive Director (ED), Heather Nichols requested the addition of an emergency item to the agenda. Ferrendelli and Cady stated that the Board must determine by vote that there is a need for immediate action in order to add the item to tonight's agenda. The item is a resolution for the Delta Conservancy's Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program required for a grant proposal due before the next board meeting, and not submitting a complete proposal could disqualify the proposal and negatively impact the RCD and project partners. ACTION: Approve the agenda with the following item: "Approve Resolution 2016-01 Endorsing the Application for a Delta Conservancy Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program"; MOTION: Williams, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Williams). ACTION: Approve the minutes for the February 10, 2016 Regular Meeting with the addition of the approved cell phone usage stipend policy language; MOTION: Williams, SECOND: Cady AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Williams,).
 - a. ****Approve Resolution 2016-01 Endorsing the Application for a Delta Conservancy Ecosystem Restoration and Water Quality Grant Program:** MOTION: Williams, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Williams).
3. **Public Comment:** Introduction of Dwight Holford, a member of the public who is interested in an Associate Director position.
4. **Approval and Payment of Claims:** ACTION: Approval of claims; MOTION: Williams, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Williams).
5. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. **NRCS Update:** Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist. Board of Supervisors is reviewing special events centers in the agricultural community. There are 91 vacant NRCS positions around the state.
 - b. **Executive Director's Report and Upcoming Events:** Nichols explained our initial training and limited ability to use the County's new InFor accounting system. Upcoming events include the Water-Wise Wednesday workshop series with the City of Woodland, cover crops in orchards show-in-tell on 3/16, and the Spring CARCD Sacramento Valley Region of RCDs meeting on 4/11. Nichols reported on RCD project work for the month. She gave a presentation to the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District on the RCD's work over the past year. She also presented the Delta Conservancy proposal to the City of Davis Open Space and Habitat Committee for support of the project. The City of



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Woodland police department were notified of the vagrancy problems around the building. The police department said they would drive by in the early mornings.

c. Capacity Building: Nichols discussed the progress of the proposals that have been submitted and the proposals that will be submitted in the near future.

d. Board Member Reports and Comments: None

6. New Business:

a. RCD leadership retreat debrief: Nichols attended CARCD's leadership retreat in Ukiah March 3rd – 5th. She will continue to working on her individual development plan which will help her focus on developing relationships with the Board of Supervisors and County staff.

7. Discussion:

a. RCD project status document and map. Nichols presented the board with a project status document and map with project locations. Suellen Witham added the strategic plan goals to the project document. Board members gave positive feedback and suggested that a table and timeline would be a useful management tool. Ferrendelli complimented Nichols on her accomplishments and progress.

8. **Confirm Next Regular Meeting Date and Location**: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 5:05 pm at the Yolo County RCD Office.

9. **Adjourn**: Meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm by President Ferrendelli.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Garth Williams, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on April 13, 2016 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:

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Board Secretary, Garth Williams