



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2016

Time: 5:05 pm – 7:09 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, Robin Schlosser, and Michael Leacox

Directors Absent:

Associate Directors Present: Mike Turkovich, Suellen Witham (at 5:21 pm)

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

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Sheila Pratt, Phil Hogan (5:30 pm), and Dwight Holford, Nancy Ullrey, Fanny Ye, Bob Schneider

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:** ACTION: Approve the agenda; MOTION: Williams, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Williams, Schlosser, Leacox). ACTION: Approve the minutes for the March 9, 2016 Regular Meeting; MOTION: Williams, SECOND: Leacox AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Williams, Schlosser, Leacox).
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Special Reports and Presentations:** Inner Coast Range State Conservancy: Bob Schneider, Senior Policy Director at Tuleyome. Schneider explained that SB 1396 would establish the Inner Coast Range Conservancy to undertake various activities related to the Inner Coast Range Region, and create the Inner Coast Range Conservancy Fund in the State Treasury. Monies would come primarily from proposition funds to support watershed management, improve forest health, clean up abandoned mines and fund conservation easements. Senator Lois Wolk and Assemblyman Bill Dodd coauthored the bill, which Tuleyome is sponsoring. Schneider mentioned that the California Farm Bureau is opposed because the additional funding to the region may increase the transfer of private lands into public land ownership. Schneider pointed out that the Conservancy is non-regulatory and that counties can decide to opt out or not apply for funding. Schneider asked the Yolo County RCD to consider providing a letter to CARCD encouraging their support of the bill.
5. **Approval and Payment of Claims:** ACTION: Approval of claims; MOTION: Williams, SECOND: Leacox. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Williams, Schlosser).
6. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. **NRCS Update:** Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist. Hogan is assisting RCD staff member Jeanette Wrynski with the Nitrogen and Irrigation technical workshop on 4/14. Hogan discussed water allocation throughout the state, continued drought conditions, and ground water management discussions in Yolo County. Ferrendelli pointed out that Tim O'Halloran has done a good job with navigating the water issues for the county, and that the RCD should continue to track groundwater issues through their participation in the WRA Technical Committee. NRCS contract applications for batch 4 are due Friday April 15th.
 - b. **Executive Director's Report and Upcoming Events:** Nichols has been working on completing the annual work plan and meeting our financial goals for FY 2016-17. We submitted multi-year multi-partner proposals totaling over \$934 million in the month of March. We should know by late May/early June which proposals were successful and if we will meet our annual plan goals for next year. We now have an active agreement with the County to manage grazing and weed management activities at Grasslands Regional Park through the end of the fiscal year. We also submitted next year's scope of work and budget to Solano County Water Agency for administrative service support of the Westside Sac IRWMP Coordinating Committee. Nichols is working on a NRCS RCPP with Solano RCD, but not sure if it will move forward. She was invited to serve on the interview panel for the City of Davis' Open Space Lands Manager position. The City hired Chris Gardner, former project



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manager for Cache Creek Conservancy. NRCS Soil Conservationist Fanny Ye and Nichols gave a short presentation at the Farm Bureau's 4/12 meeting. A local landowner has offered to sponsor a student to attend Range Camp. The board asked Nichols to pursue interest from the local high schools, 4H and FFA. Schlosser recommended that we put up a poster at the Farm Connection Day advertising the application. Upcoming events: Farm Connection Day sponsored by the Farm Bureau on 4/29, Putah Creek Council annual potluck on 4/20, CLBL SLEWS BBQ will be on 5/17. The RCD has an Instagram account now: #yolorcd. Pehling and Pehling were approached to do our audit for FY 2016-17.

c. Board Member Reports and Comments: Ferrendelli requested that for best management practices, we should work with a new auditor in FY 2017-18.

7. New Business:

- a. ACTION: Approve Dwight Holford to the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board as an Associate Director. MOTION: Williams, SECOND: Leacox. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Williams, Schlosser, Leacox).
- b. ACTION: Approve \$13,633 SE01 Budget for weed management agreement with Cache Creek Conservancy. MOTION: Cady, SECOND: Williams. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Cady, Williams, Schlosser, Leacox).

8. Discussion:

- a. Board Committee Service: Nichols and the Board discussed the standing committees. A Board Development committee was added and new board and associate board members volunteered so that our committees are now as described below:
Finance Committee: Williams, Leacox, Turkovich
Planning Committee: Witham, Cady, Turkovich, Holford,
Governance Committee: Ferrendelli, Leacox, Holford
Board Development Committee: Cady, Schlosser
Personnel Committee: Ferrendelli, Schlosser
- b. Annual Work Plan Status Report: Nichols provided a draft FY15-16 annual work plan with status updates and requested feedback from the board at the next meeting. She is considering a spreadsheet to track annual workload/employee hours. She also provided the latest Directors Handbooks to directors and associate directors' present.
- c. Board Input for Upcoming Topics: Nichols has invited Jeanette Wrynski to give a presentation on her work with the Westside Sac IRWMP Coordinating Committee.

9. **Confirm Next Regular Meeting Date and Location**: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 5:05 pm at the Yolo County RCD Office.

10. **Adjourn**: Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm by President Ferrendelli.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Garth Williams, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on May 11, 2016 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:


Board Secretary, Garth Williams