



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Time: 5:06 pm – 7:12 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), Robin Schlosser, and Mike Turkovich

Directors Absent:

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, Fanny Ye, and Sheila Pratt

1. **Call Meeting to Order - Giovanni Ferrendelli, President:** The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm by President Ferrendelli.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the agenda: MOTION: Schlosser, SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Turkovich, Cady, Schlosser). ACTION: Approve the January 11, 2017 meeting minutes: MOTION: Schlosser, SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Turkovich, Cady, Schlosser).
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Special Presentation:** None
5. **Approval and Payment of Claims:** ACTION: Approval of claims: MOTION: Leacox, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Turkovich, Cady, Schlosser).
6. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. **NRCS Update:** Phil Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist. Hogan discussed concerns about the implementation of the sediment erosion control plans required by the water board.
 - b. **Executive Director's Report:** Heather Nichols, Executive Director. After months of contracting delays, our two new major contracts are fully executed and work has begun for both the Delta Conservancy (Wildlife Flood Escape Corridors grant) and the Natural Resources Agency (Capay Open Space Park) projects. RCD Accreditation requirements are almost complete. Nichols reported that the proposal for ag crossing improvements in the Yolo Bypass withdrawn due to a number of reasons and that this has set back our capacity building for the fiscal year. She also reported that PG&E did not extend our contract due to their own internal reorganization. Other current and potentially new projects were discussed.
 - i. **Financial Report:** Nichols shared a list of current and upcoming grant programs that are currently being tracked and a series of graphs on our financial progress as a primer to the dashboard discussion.
7. **Board Member Reports and Comments:** The board appreciates the dashboard with financials and Leacox will help Nichols with a format to show progress toward goals. Cady reported his that he met the new director of Yolo County's Irrigated Lands program at the recent Farm Bureau dinner.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. ****Approve Associate Director Policy:** Policy was revised as requested at the previous board meeting. ACTION: Approve the Associate Director Policy as presented. MOTION: Cady, SECOND: Leacox. Ayes: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Turkovich, Cady, Schlosser).
 - b. ****Approve Public Records Request Policy:** Policy was reviewed and revised by Best Best & Krieger. ACTION: Approve the Public Records Request Policy as presented. MOTION: Schlosser, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Turkovich, Cady).
 - c. ****Approve Bidding Policy:** Policy was reviewed and revised with County Counsel and Board Director Leacox. ACTION: Approve the Bidding Policy as presented. MOTION: Cady, SECOND: Schlosser. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Turkovich, Cady, Schlosser)
9. **Discussion:** New Director Orientation and Dashboard development. The board reviewed two outdated versions of the board training binder and discussed more effective alternatives to orientation and onboarding of new directors. Ideas discussed included director-to-director mentorship and a one-on-one orientation and project site tour with RCD staff. Dashboard discussion: The graph is very helpful, and Nichols should consider adding a comparison of our progress with our annual financial goals.



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10. **Confirm Next Regular Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 5:05 pm at the Yolo County RCD Office.
11. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

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

By:


Board Secretary, Mark Cady