



# Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday, March 8, 2017

**Time:** 5:07pm – 7:12pm

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

**Directors Present:** Michael Leacox (Vice President), Mark Cady (Secretary), Robin Schlosser, and Mike Turkovich

**Directors Absent:** Giovanni Ferrendelli (President),

**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 Tanya Meyer

**1. Call Meeting to Order – Michael Leacox, Vice President:** The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm by Vice President Leacox.

**2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the agenda: MOTION: Schlosser, SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Leacox, Turkovich, Schlosser). ACTION: Approve the February 8, 2017 meeting minutes: MOTION: Schlosser, SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Leacox, Turkovich, Schlosser).

**3. Public Comment:** None

**4. Approval and Payment of Claims:** ACTION: Approval of claims: MOTION: Turkovich, SECOND: Schlosser. AYES: Unanimous (Leacox, Turkovich, Schlosser). Discussed PG&E Refund: RCD could not extend contract with PG&E for the Dry Creek site. They had pre-paid for work, and RCD now has to refund them. MOTION: Turkovich, SECOND: Schlosser. AYES: Unanimous (Leacox, Turkovich, Schlosser). President Ferrendelli needs to sign claim.

**5. Regular Reports:**

a. NRCS Update: Phil Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist. New Administration update: Nominee Sonny Purdue, hopeful for USDA Secretary, is held up in review. Ten percent budget cut for all agencies except defense. 70 USDA vacancies in California which will not be filled anytime soon due to hiring freeze. Meetings: attended SECP meeting 3/8, Rotational Crop meeting 2/9, Sustainable Groundwater Management meeting. Fanny Ye led new USDA employee tour 2/14-2/15.

b. Executive Director's Report: Heather Nichols, Executive Director. YCRCD has self-certified as accredited RCD and will be eligible for non-competitive funding from Department of Conservation. Our property and liability premiums going up for the first time on 7 years. Rent is expected to go up 7/1/17. Server upgrades required in 2018. Mobile lab services are returning to Yolo County thanks to a partnership with Tehama County RCD. Project development updates include proposals in various stages of completion: Grasslands-Yolo Co Parks: grazing lease assistance submitted; RCD administration services for a regional DWR grant project in discussion; new Contribution Agreement with NRCS for \$50,000 for technical service submitted; CDFA Healthy Soils Incentive program guidelines in development; Urban Greening grant proposal with Tree Davis and City of Davis in concept proposal phase. Director comment: HN is working on a list of grant opportunities and BOD would like to see a report/list of grants that RCD is tracking.

i. Financial Report: Sue is gearing up in Quickbooks after some initial setbacks.

c. SCHLOSSER and CADY developed some materials for Director on-boarding improvements. This topic will be added to the April meeting agenda.

**6. New Business:**

a. \*\*Approve Resolution 2017-01 Authorizing Submittal of Application(s) for all CalRecycle Grants for which YCRCD is Eligible. ACTION: Approve Resolution 2017-01 as presented. MOTION: Cady, SECOND: Turkovich. Ayes: Unanimous (Leacox, Turkovich, Cady, Schlosser).

**7. Discussion:**

Nichols presented some initial ideas on how to utilize the new capacity-building funding from the Department of Conservation (DOC). There is \$2 million available of non-competitive funding to be split evenly among all accredited RCDs who apply. YCRCD could receive from \$40-\$60,000. Directors discussed wanting to establish credibility and long term success; creating dialog with policy makers; thinking about regional projects; unifying our message with other RCDs; increasing our visibility; providing project tours for policy-



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makers and tabling at events. Nichols will incorporate this discussion into the draft proposal and distribute to Directors for review and feedback before submitting on 3/28.

**8. Confirm Next Regular Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 5:05 pm at the Yolo County RCD Office.

**9. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

**Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:** Mark Cady, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on April 12, 2017 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:

  
Board Secretary, Mark Cady