



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Time: 5:05 pm – 6:30 pm

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

Directors Present: Michael Leacox (Vice President), Mark Cady, Mike Turkovich, and Miranda Driver

Directors Absent: Giovanni Ferrendelli (President)

Associate Directors Present: None

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

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Phil Hogan, Tanya Meyer, Fanny Ye

1. **Call Meeting to Order** - Michael Leacox (Vice President): The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Michael Leacox.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the agenda as presented; MOTION: Cady, SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Turkovich, Leacox, Cady, Driver). ACTION: Approve the minutes for the March 14, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented; MOTION: Driver, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Turkovich, Leacox, Cady, Driver).
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Special Presentation:** Staff Report: Jeanette Wrynski on the final release of the Yolo Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan.
5. **Approval and Payment of Claims:** ACTION: Approval of claims; MOTION: Turkovich, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Turkovich, Leacox, Cady, Driver).
6. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. **NRCS Update:** Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist. Hogan reported on the 2018 Farm Bill and Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue's legislative principals. Hogan discussed the Volunteer Conservation Program. He reported that the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is waning in Yolo County, the 10 year contracts are expiring and farms are not renewing. Soil health is receiving attention in NRCS. NACD is requesting that there be no more cuts to the 2018 Farm Bill. Fanny Ye reported that batching period 2 is off to a slow start and batching period 3 will begin in June.
 - b. **Executive Director's Report and Upcoming Events:** Nichols, Executive Director. Nichols reviewed the board packet. Jeanette Wrynski was acknowledged for 23 years of service. Range camp has \$1,000 of sponsorships and applications for campers are starting to roll in. On May 7th Yocha Dehe is honoring the RCD and partners with an award for the Yolo Creek and Community Partnership program. We were awarded a Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) planning grant for Arundo removal in the Putah and Cache Creek Watersheds. Project development updates; we are working with the City of Winters and PG&E on the Winters Putah Creek Park Extension. The 139 tree planting for Regional SAN will be implemented on the Winters Putah Creek Park Extension site.
 - i. **Financial Report:** Nichols reviewed the monthly financials and the Capacity Dashboard. Nichols presented the quarterly progress report. Some goals have been met or surpassed, while others have not. She was asked to review the adjustments original parameters with the DOC capacity building grant manager.
 - c. **Board Member Reports and Comments:** Cady is meeting regularly with other RCDs' directors and Solid Ground Consulting about board development, and is working actively on our director recruitment process. Hogan reminded us we need to increase diversity on the board.
7. **New Business:**
 - a. **** ACTION: Open all six Associate Director positions to prospective new Directors.** Nichols reported that Giovanni had communicated with all current Associate Directors and Gilmer, Pahlavanian, and Benjamin Leacox have chosen to step down. Action tabled.
 - b. ****ACTION: Vote for Special District Representative to the Yolo County Consolidated Redevelopment Oversight Board.** ACTION: Vote Erik Vink for Special District Representative to the Yolo County Consolidated Redevelopment Oversight Board; MOTION: Turkovich, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Turkovich, Leacox, Cady, Driver).



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8. Discussion:

- a. Director On-boarding: Deep Dive into the CARCD Director Handbook: Directors discussed sections of interest. RCD priorities determined to be director recruitment and on-boarding and development of a reserve policy.

9. Confirm Next Regular Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 5:05 pm at the Yolo County RCD Office.

10. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm by Michael Leacox.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Mark Cady, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on May 9, 2018 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By: _____

Board Secretary, Mark Cady