



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Time: 5:05 pm - 7:35 pm

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

Directors Present: Giovanni Ferrendelli (President), Michael Leacox (Vice President), Robin Schlosser, and Mike Turkovich

Directors Absent: Mark Cady

Associate Directors Present: Dwight Holford

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

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Sheila Pratt, Phil Hogan, Diego Camacho, Fanny Ye, Sam Brennan, Erin Brennan, John Brennan, Max Brennan, Will Craig, Debbie Craig and Pete Craig.

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 as presented; MOTION: Leacox, SECOND: Schlosser. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Schlosser, Turkovich, Leacox). ACTION: Approve the minutes for the June 14, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented; MOTION: Leacox, SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Schlosser, Turkovich, Leacox).
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Special Presentation:** Range Campers 2017. Will Craig and Sam Brennan gave a presentation on their experience at this year's Range Camp.
5. **Approval and Payment of Claims:** ACTION: Approval of Claims; MOTION: Leacox, SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Schlosser, Turkovich, Leacox).
6. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. **NRCS Update:** Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist. Hogan reported on highly erodible land inventory for Yolo County. Hogan reviewed the 2018 proposed federal budget starting October 1st, indicating that there would be an estimated 21% cut to USDA, and 36% cut in crop insurance. Some programs will be eliminated such as the Farm Safety program, watershed protection projects and programs, and climate change programs. As the NRCS hiring freeze continues, NRCS staff members Ha Truong and Corey Shake have been splitting time with other NRCS offices. Fanny Ye reported on 2017 application status.
 - b. **Executive Director's Report and Upcoming Events:** Nichols, Executive Director. Nichols reported on a number of RCD projects including the wildlife corridors in the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, carbon farm planning for Yolo Land and Cattle, weed management at Grasslands Regional Park and Putah Creek South Fork Preserve. Nichols is working on a budget for Yolo County to do vegetation management along the levee between the Knights Landings outfall gates and the upstream end of the Fremont Weir along the Sacramento River. She is working with the County to update our MOU. The Yolo County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP) is out for public comment and thus far no major objections.
 - i. **Financial Report:** 2015-16 audit has been completed. Nichols reviewed it with the board. We have started a contract with RJ Ricciardi, Inc., CPA for the 2016-17 audit. RCD Dashboard was presented and discussed.
 - c. **Board Member Reports and Comments:** None
7. **New Business:**
 - a. ****Approve Billable Rate for FY17/18:** ACTION: Approval of billable rate for FY 17/18 as follows: Executive Director to \$99, Senior Project Manager to \$91, Financial Manager to \$71, Administrative Assistant to \$54, Project Manager to \$68, Field Technician II to \$62, Project Assistant to \$60, Field Technician to \$60, Intern to \$39; MOTION: Leacox, SECOND: Schlosser. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Schlosser, Turkovich, Leacox).
8. **Discussion:**



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- a. Annual Work Plan Draft for FY 17/18: Nichols presented the plan draft. Board would like Nichols to explore RCD technical assistance to landowners for food safety monitoring and reporting. Nichols reviewed some of the ongoing projects.
9. **Confirm Next Regular Meeting Date and Location**: Wednesday, August 9, 2015 at 5:05 pm at the Yolo County RCD Office.
10. **Adjourn**: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm by President Ferrendelli.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Mark Cady, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on August 9, 2017 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:

Board Secretary, Mark Cady