



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS-REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Time: 5:05 pm – 6:41 pm

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

Directors Present: Giovanni Ferrendelli (President), Mark Cady (Secretary), and Robin Schlosser (on phone). **Directors Absent:** Michael Leacox (Vice President) and Mike Turkovich

Associate Directors Present: Suellen Witham, and Dwight Holford

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

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Phil Hogan and Tanya Meyer

1. **Call Meeting to Order - Giovanni Ferrendelli, President:** The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm by President Ferrendelli.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** July meeting minutes tabled to September (no quorum).
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Approval and Payment of Claims:** Tabled, no quorum
5. **Regular Reports:**

NRCS Update: Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist. Phil attended Tom Hayes memorial at Heidrick Ag Center. Attended Area 1 meeting in Quincy and toured forests there. A wildfire broke out that day. Batching period for EQIP is done but there is no word on the funding for that. Phil nominated the Yolo County RCD to the NRCS State office for the Outstanding Team/Partnership Award for 2017. YCRCD is the lead on the Yolo Creek and Community Partnership Program with the Center for Land-based Learning and the Putah Creek Council, which is funded by the Yocha Dehe Community Fund. NRCS intern Diego Camancho has returned to school in Puerto Rico after two months in our field office. Phil went on a tour of Yolo County with acting NRCS chief last week. Permanent chief has not been appointed yet. The Chamber of Commerce Farm City Banquet will be held this year at the California Ag Museum on Thursday, October 19th.

Executive Director's Report and Upcoming Events: Nichols, Executive Director. YCRCD is preparing for our largest grassland restoration ever: 22 acres on the Yolo Bypass. Heather presented East Regional Pond draft interpretive panels to BOD. Heather, Jeanette and Tanya are busy working on a countywide arundo eradication planning grant to the Wildlife Conservation Board. Due 8/31. Seasonal workload issues: Heather is looking at legal ways in which to adjust for slow times (rain, extreme heat) and busy times (spring weed work and fall planting) for project managers and field staff. She is working with Yolo County counsel. Gio suggests running any new policy through Best Best & Krieger as well, and suggests talking with grant managers to see if they have allowances for overtime to get the projects done.

Financial Report: No financial report this month as Sue was busy closing books and went on vacation. Dashboard was presented and discussed.

Board Member Reports and Comments: Mark: Yolo Land Trust Day in the Country is Sept. 10th. Robin and Suellen are going. Anyone else? Mark: Can BOD members bring items of clothing in to have them embroidered with the YCRCD logo? Yes, that is encouraged. Gio: Update policies on workplace relationships as well as other policies.

6. **New Business:**

- a. Review and Discuss Annual Work Plan for FY17/18: Tabled, no quorum.

7. **Discussion:** YCRCD was mentioned in the local news paper for our partnership with the county on the Snowball Levee project, a six mile vegetation removal project near Knight's Landing. The county is addressing environmental compliance, before work can begin. The MOU with County of Yolo has been updated for this project. Other current projects under the MOU include habitat and interpretive enhancements at Capay Open Space Park and vegetation management at Grasslands Regional Park.



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8. **Confirm Next Regular Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, September 13, 2015 at 5:05 pm at the Yolo County RCD Office.
9. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm by President Ferrendelli.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Mark Cady, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on September 13, 2017 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:

Board Secretary, Mark Cady