



# Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS-REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018

**Time:** 5:05pm – 7:48pm

**Location:** Yolo County RCD 221 West Court St. Ste.1, Woodland, CA

**Directors Present:** Giovanni Ferrendelli (President), Michael Leacox (Vice President), Mike Turkovich, Mark Cady

**Directors Absent:** Miranda Driver

**Associate Directors Present:** Anya Perron-Burdick

**Associate Directors Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Heather Nichols, Sheila Pratt, Pill Hogan, Fanny Ye

1. **Call Meeting to Order – Ferrendelli:** The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm.
2. **\*\*Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the agenda as presented; MOTION: Cady, SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Cady, Turkovich). Approve the minutes for the September 12, 2018 Regular Meeting as presented; MOTION: Leacox, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Cady, Turkovich).
3. **\*\*\*\*Public Comment:** None.
4. **\*\*Approval and Payment of Claims:** ACTION: Approve the claims for September: MOTION: Leacox, SECOND: Cady. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Cady, Turkovich).
5. **Regular Reports:**
  - a. **NRCS Update:** Hogan, NRCS District Conservationist. Hogan reported that Farm Bill Assistant (FBA) has resigned and a new FBA has started. Ha Truong took an agricultural engineer position at the State NRCS Office, and his position has not been filled. Fanny Ye, Soil Conservationist, reported that 27 contracts were funded during their fiscal year obligating nearly \$1.5 million for conservation practices on 10,862 acres in Yolo County.
  - b. **Executive Director's Report:** Nichols, Executive Director. The RCD had its first CDFA Healthy Soils workshop at Yolo Land & Cattle. It was great success and well attended. We are in the process of adding a new page to website for the compost trial project. We completed a comprehensive safety assessment with SDRMA, and will begin implementing recommendations and developing a new safety policy program. Barbara Heinsch, RCD volunteer, is inputting our projects in the new, state-wide RCD Project Tracker. The CARCD Sacramento Valley Region of RCDs meeting is October 17<sup>th</sup>, Anya will attend the morning session. Nichols submitted two CDFA Healthy Soils Technical Assistance grant proposals, is working with the County Office of Emergency Services to wildlife prevention programming, and coordinated a project tour for the Yocha Dehe Community Fund board members. Nichols reported that there is some interest from a state agency to have a group of RCDs form a JPA or an MOU to do work outside of district boundaries. Leacox expressed concern for liability risk. Nichols will continue to report to the Board as these discussions evolve.
    - i. **Financial Report:** June financials are final. We have contracted with J.R. Ricciardi, Inc. for our annual audit. Nichols reviewed the monthly dashboard.
    - j. **Quarterly Capacity Building Report:** Nichols reviewed the highlights of quarterly report to the Department of Conservation for the last three months. Activities included primarily

- project and partnership development. Leacox recommended cross checking the capacity building work plan to be sure they align with the strategic plan.
- c. Board Member Reports and Comments: Ferrendelli reported that no liability or property claims were filed last year. Cady reported that Alex Palmerlee did a great job at carbon farm workshop.
- 6. New Business:**
- a. \*\* Reschedule RCD Board Regular Meetings to the third Wednesday of the month. ACTION: Reschedule RCD Board Regular Meetings to the third Wednesday of the month starting in December 2018; MOTION: Cady, SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Cady, Turkovich)
- b. \*\*Approve Reserve Policy; ACTION: Approve Reserve Policy; MOTION: Cady, SECOND: Leacox. Discussion; Leacox amended motion to replace the II. Policy Statement's first sentence to instead state, "The District shall strive to create and maintain a reserve fund balance of not less than 25% of operating expenses, calculated by using the highest annual operating expenses from the previous three fiscal years". SECOND: Turkovich; AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Cady, Turkovich).
- c. \*\*Recommend Mark Cady for reappointment to the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board as a Director for 2018-2022 term. ACTION: Recommend Mark Cady for reappointment to the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board as a Director for 2018-2022 term: Leacox, SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Cady, Turkovich).
- d. \*\*Recommend Miranda Driver for reappointment to the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board as a Director for 2018-2022 term. ACTION: Recommend Miranda Driver for reappointment to the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board as a Director for 2018-2022 term: MOTION: Leacox, SECOND: Turkovich. AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Cady, Turkovich).
- e. Elect new Board President: ACTION: Ferrendelli recommended Mark Cady to the position of Board President for the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board of Directors. SECOND: Leacox, AYES: Unanimous (Ferrendelli, Leacox, Cady, Turkovich). Leacox thanked Cady for accepting the position as Board President and assured him he will continue to support him in his active role as Vice President.
7. Discussion: The RCD Holiday Potluck/Farewell to Gio will take place on December 19<sup>th</sup> when the board meeting adjourns to the Blue Note Brewery.
8. Closed Session: The Board conducted the annual review for Heather Nichols, Executive Director.
9. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 5:05 pm at the Yolo County RCD Office.
10. **Adjourn: 7:48PM**

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Mark Cady, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on November 7, 2018 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:

  
Board Secretary, Mark Cady