



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday October 21, 2020

Time: 5:06 pm- 7:34 pm

Location: All-remote meeting, to comply with COVID-19 requirements.

Directors Present: Mark Cady (President), Mike Leacox (Vice President) Mike Turkovich (Secretary), Anya Perron-Burdick, Eric Wilson (Associate Director) Miranda Driver (5:10pm)

Directors Absent:

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Phil Hogan, Sheila Pratt, Sue McCloud, Andrea Drew (6:15 pm – 7:15 pm).

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 5:06 pm by President Cady.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the agenda as presented; MOTION: Turkovich; SECOND: Perron-Burdick; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Leacox, Turkovich, Perron-Burdick). Approve the minutes of the September 16th meeting as presented; MOTION: Turkovich. SECOND: Perron-Burdick AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Leacox, Turkovich, Perron-Burdick).
3. **Public Comment:** None.
4. **Ratify/Approve Expenditures (List of Checks) and Wire Transfer of Funds.** Mr. Turkovich reviewed expenditures previously; all look good. ACTION: Ratify/approve expenditures as presented; MOTION: Leacox; SECOND: Turkovich; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Leacox, Turkovich, Perron-Burdick).
5. **Special Reports (5:30-6:00pm):** CARCD Speak-Off Contest 2020. Speak-Off Topic: "How should Resource Conservation Districts serve and engage the entire community in conservation work?" Lauren Lawlor and Corrine Heringer from Delta High in Clarksburg, and Rocio Luna Ayala from Pioneer high in Woodland. Rocio Luna Ayala was the winner and will compete at the Sacramento Valley Regional Speak-off on October 27th.
6. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. **NRCS District Conservationist's Report:** Mr. Hogan reviewed his printed report; NRCS is wrapping up the fiscal year end reports and Hogan has been doing staff reviews. The Woodland Field Office will get a new engineer, Mark Santiago, who will also be working in Colusa and Yuba City NRCS offices. Mark will be trained by Ha Truong. Sarah has also joined the office as a Pathways intern. Point Blue Biologist Corey Shake is back and will be working on the water bird contracts in the rice fields in the bypass area. There are a couple of irrigation projects on hold, waiting for cultural resources reviews from Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation.
 - b. **RCD Executive Director's Report:** Ms. Nichols reported that Sue McCloud and Andrea Drew will be joining us for the accounting transition portion. RCD field operations were impacted by air quality conditions over the last month. Arundo removal work continues; Nichols gave a presentation to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on the Putah-Cache Watershed Arundo Eradication Program. Nichols and Wrynski submitted a grant proposal to the Department of Conservation to address groundwater sustainability with support from the Water Resources Agency of Yolo County and the Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency. We should find out in January if we are selected. Nichols is working on a regional proposal for dedicated cost-share for property owners interested in for post-fire recovery practices such as erosion control and wildfire prevention practices such as brush management and prescribed fire. The Yolo Bypass Drainage and Infrastructure Improvement Study

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Update is in the final stages. Heraty is finishing up a regional capacity building proposal for Sacramento Valley RCDs.

- i. Accounting transition update: Sue McCloud, Financial Manager and Andrea Drew, Drew Consulting. Reviewed financial information in the board packet. Books closed. Perron-Burdick wants monthly billing.
- ii. Overview of draft monthly financial report: Sue McCloud, Financial Manager and Andrea Drew, Drew Consulting. Reviewed the forecast modeling spreadsheet. Nichols reviewed the capacity dashboard.
- iii. COVID-19 and preparing for uncertainty: Nichols reviewed how COVID has affected the RCD, the State has not allocated new CAL FIRE program funding as expected.

7. New Business:

- a. **Elect a standing Finance Committee and set regular meeting date and time: Nichols described the committee, Turkovich and Perron-Burdick volunteered. MOTION: Elect a standing Finance Committee and set regular meeting date and time Driver; SECOND: Turkovich; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Leacox, Turkovich, Perron-Burdick).

8. Old Business:

- a. Follow-up discussion to sponsor Heather Nichols for the American Leadership Forum Mountain Valley Chapter Fellows Program Class XXV: Nichols graciously declined the offer citing lack of certainty for an in-person program. Her sponsor has offered to nominate her again for next year's program.

- 9. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 5:05 pm at the Yolo County RCD Office or all-remote.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Mike Turkovich, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on November 18, 2020 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:


Board Secretary, Michael Turkovich,