



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday September 22, 2021

Time: 5:07pm - 7:16pm

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

Directors Present: Mark Cady (President), Mike Turkovich (Vice-president), Miranda Driver, Eric Willson

Directors Absent: Anya Perron-Burdick

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Phil Hogan, Maria Meza, Kristin Sicke

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 5:07pm by President Cady. Introductions were made.
2. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** (Gov. Code 54954.2(B))
ACTION: Approve the agenda with the change of taking Item 5 before Item 4; MOTION: Mr. Turkovich; SECOND: Ms. Driver; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Driver, Willson).
ACTION: Approve the minutes of the August 18 meeting; MOTION: Mr. Turkovich, SECOND: Mr. Wilson; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Driver, Willson).
3. **Public Comment:** This time is reserved for the public to address the RCD Board on matters not on the agenda (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)). No public comment.
4. **Ratify/Approve Expenditures (List of Checks) and Wire Transfer of Funds.** Mr. Turkovich, has reviewed expenditures; ACTION: Ratify/approve expenditures as presented; MOTION: Mr. Turkovich; SECOND: Mr. Wilson; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Driver, Willson).
5. **Special Presentation:** Yolo Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) - General Manager, Kristen Sicke. Ms. Sicke gave the Board an overview of the GSP in relation to Integrated Regional Water Management Plan, water supply and drought preparedness, water quality, storm drainage, flood control, and aquatic ecosystem enhancement. The Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency (YSGA) consists of 26 members that collaborate together to address groundwater issues. Management areas include Capay Valley, North Yolo, Central Yolo, South Yolo, Dunnigan Hills and Clarksburg.
6. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. NRCS District Conservationist's Report: Mr. Hogan, participated in two Point Blue Conservation Science zoom meetings (coordinating all of the activities of the Biologists in the state); finishing up on end-of-fiscal year activities; award documentation for staff; performance appraisals for the fiscal year and fund management for EQIP contracts; attended two Fire Safe Council meetings held by the RCD; and participated in the Woodland Chamber of Commerce board meeting; worked on completing status reviews for EQIP/CSP contracts; made a trip to out to the NRCS warehouse to look for office furniture with RCD assistance; participated in the following meetings: joint NRCS/RCD staff meeting, State Archeologist to discuss working with Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and Area 1 NRCS Districts Conservationists, External Awareness training and Tribal Listening Circle on cultural

resources procedures. Convened the Woodland Chamber of Commerce water committee meeting in Zoom, where Mr. Hogan, is chair of the committee.

b. RCD Executive Director's Report: Ms. Nichols reported that this month has been focused on welcoming and onboarding new three new staff members. Josh Canepa, Project Assistant, will be working primarily on the Delta Levee Restoration project. Kate Reza, Program Manager, will be writing grants and taking on the administration of the West Sac Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan Coordinating Committee. Joaquin Pastrana, the RCD's second GrizzlyCorps fellow, will be doing outreach and website development for the Yolo County Fire Safe Council and helping out on RCD projects. With an uptick in staffing levels, we are talking about getting an additional work truck. Two recent grant proposals were denied including to CAL FIRE for the development of a Yolo County Prescribed Burn Association, and to the Wildlife Conservation Board's Pacific Flyways program for habitat improvements at the City of Woodland's North Regional Pond. We are submitting a grant proposal with the Yolo County Office of Emergency Services to the California Fire Safe Council to better support coordination of the Yolo County Fire Safe Council.

i. Monthly financial report: Ms. Nichols reported that financial reports are still estimates, the county has not closed the books. Annual independent audit will begin in November.

c. Board member reports and comments: Director Willson recommended looking for a used work truck.

7. New Business:

a. **Approve updates to Employee Handbook: Ms. Nichols, reviewed the updates to the employee handbook. ACTION: Approve updates to Employee Handbook: MOTION: Ms. Driver; SECOND: Mr. Turkovich; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Turkovich, Driver, Willson).

8. Discussion:

a. Annual Plan 2020-2021 Review: Ms. Nichols reviewed the highlights of last year's Annual Plan, and will plan to develop the new annual draft plan for the October meeting.

9. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 5:05pm TBD.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Anya Perron-Burdick, Board Secretary and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on October 20, 2021 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By:



Board Secretary, Anya Perron-Burdick