



Yolo County Resource Conservation District

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday August 17, 2022

Time: 5:04 – 6:18 pm

Location (Hybrid): Yolo County RCD Office, 221 Court Street, Suite 1, Woodland CA

Directors Present: Mark Cady (President), Mike Turkovich (Vice President), Miranda Driver

Directors Absent: Anya Perron-Burdick, Eric Willson

Associate Directors Present: Jake Campos

Others Present: Heather Nichols, Phil Hogan, Lani Fulcher, Greg Pelaez, Conor Higgins

1. **Call Meeting to Order and Introductions** – The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by Mark Cady, President. Introductions were made.
2. **Approval to Restate Resolution 2021-01:** ACTION: Approve Resolution 2021-01 for an additional 30 days to continue to allow virtual meetings because the YCRCD has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and finds that state and local officials continue to recommend social distancing. MOTION: Mr. Turkovich; SECOND: Ms. Driver; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Driver, Turkovich).
3. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes:** ACTION: Approve the August agenda and minutes of the July meeting as presented. MOTION: Ms. Driver; SECOND: Mr. Turkovich; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Driver, Turkovich).
4. **Public Comment:** This is time reserved for the public to address the RCD Board on matters not on the agenda (Gov. Code 54954.3(a)). There was no public comment.
5. **Staff Presentation:** Putah-Cache Watershed Arundo Eradication Program 2022 Season Update: Greg Pelaez gave an overview of the project including its scope, its impact, and its goals.
6. **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: Ms. Driver; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Driver, Turkovich).
7. **Regular Reports:**
 - a. NRCS District Conservationist's Report: Mr. Hogan reported working on obligating eight contracts and on two irrigation EQIP applications. He helped organize a meeting of the Woodland Chamber of Commerce's Water Committee. He met with a farmer interested in applying for the Wetland Reserve Easement program. He also visited the Yocha Dehe olive mill for a tour of the conservation practices the tribe has implemented through RCS EQIP contracts.
 - b. RCD Executive Director's Report: Ms. Nichols noted that the Board reviews staff reports four times a year and the current reports were submitted to the Board this month. She reported that as a

result of the grass fire, she is working with the grazing lessee to mitigate damages. They have determined a way to repair some infrastructure damage at no cost to the RCD and no claim for that will be filed with RCD insurance. The State cannot reduce their rent for the burned acreage, so the request is for RCD to cover the cost of seed to improve forage production for future grazing seasons. The expected cost is \$8,000 - \$10,000. Ms. Nichols noted that the RCD received sponsorship from Mission Livestock for a local high school student to attend this year's Range Camp; that student will provide a presentation at the September Board meeting.

i. Financial report: Ms. Nichols reviewed the financial reports and explained the adjustments for the wire transfer mistake made by the County.

c. Board member reports and comments: The questions and details of the purchase of the truck are to be discussed at the special meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2022.

8. New Business:

a. Approve updates to RCD Employee Handbook to include policy language reflecting previously approved revisions to compensation and retirement policies: MOTION: Ms. Driver motioned to approve the updates to the RCD Handbook; SECOND: Mr. Turkovich; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Driver, Turkovich).

b. **Approve new cost center CY09: Reflect to Detect Address Sign Program for inclusion in Annual Budget for FY2022-23 for \$33,991: MOTION: Ms. Driver motioned to approve the new cost center CY09; SECOND: Mr. Turkovich; AYES: Unanimous (Cady, Driver, Turkovich).

9. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Location: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 5:05pm (hybrid).

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Anya Perron-Burdick, Board Secretary, and Heather Nichols, Executive Director. Approved on September 21, 2022 by the Yolo County Resource Conservation District Board.

By: Anya Perron-Burdick 09/10/2022

Secretary, Anya Perron-Burdick